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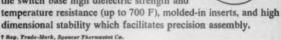
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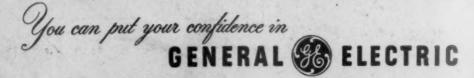
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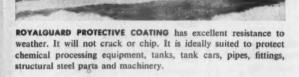
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Limits on the use of metal, so far, are the only real curb. These will be largely meaningless due to stretching of metal supplies or substitutions.

Quotas on builders could hold housing down—but seem very unlikely.

Builders probably will have more trouble finding furnaces and complete kitchen units this year than the metal products that become an integral part of the new home.

Restrictions on manufacture of refrigerators and automatic washers, for example, should make it hard, in theory, to deliver finished homes.

However, that overlooks today's large inventories of such items. Builders, left to their own resources, will have little trouble.

Credit may be more of a curb on housing than metals.

Some lenders deny this. They reason that fewer for-sale units will be competing for a growing supply of mortgage money.

However, this may ignore the competition of other types of investments. Good preferred stocks now yield more than guaranteed mortgages.

In fact, many investors long have been cold to the return on Veterans Administration and Federal Housing Administration loans.

About 620,000 of the 1,090,000 homes started last year were financed under mortgage restrictions laid down in the Federal Reserve's modified Regulation X. (Of the others, 400,000 were financed prior to Regulation X and some 70,000 were put up with public funds.)

It should be easy to get mortgage money for more than 620,000 this year. To that should be added the defense housing program's total.

Housing in 1951 overshot the government's 850,000-unit goal by 28%. If starts in 1952 should exceed the federal "estimate" by a similar margin, more than 825,000 housing units will get under way this year.

President Truman's request for tightened credit controls, at most, may offset a drive to weaken them further or wipe them out.

These controls aren't regulating much of anything now. Mortgage money flows more in response to the interest rate than to down payments and monthly instalments; autos and major appliances are still slow due to slack consumer demand more than to time-sales terms.

But the need for flexibility remains. The Federal Reserve is unduly restricted by the reduced powers Congress voted last summer; obviously, any further tying of the Fed's hands could have serious results.

Instalment buying wasn't spurred much by the action of Congress easing credit terms. In fact, the net increase in such sales credit in the last half of 1951 was about \$250-million; in the same 1950 months, the gain in instalment-financed sales was a round billion dollars.

Curbs on instalment credit last year undoubtedly changed some of the patterns of consumer borrowing.

It was generally expected that people would switch from time-sale buy-

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ing to charge-account buying. This probably took place because a good deal more charge-account credit was advanced in 1951 than in 1950 (despite the small retail sales rise).

Nevertheless, it's doubtful that the final figure on all types of consumer credit at the end of 1951 was much over the new record of \$20-billion chalked up a year earlier.

Thus 1951 was the first postwar year that failed to score a thumping gain in consumer credit. (The 1950 rise was \$3.2-billion.)

Growth of consumer credit undoubtedly was due to slacken sharply in 1951. Most of the pent-up demand for goods had been satisfied; the market had pretty well shrunk to replacements and growth.

Moderate net gains in credit will nourish such a market. By contrast, the 1945-50 consumer boom had devoured \$14.4-billion of loans.

People who aren't directly involved may very well ignore retail sales comparisons—1952 against 1951—until the end of February.

Drops of 15% to 25% have been common for many cities in the early weeks this year. And such figures will continue. The trouble, though, is that the figures a year ago were vastly swollen by scare buying.

Sales so far this year have been fairly well ahead of 1950. And there's a lot more "normalcy" in comparing with 1950 than with 1951.

Modest improvement is appearing in some textile and apparel lines. So far, though, it is too slight and too spotty to signal recovery.

Synthetic fibers, of course, have suffered less all along than cottons and woolens. Burlington Mills—mainly a weaver and knitter of man-made fibers—reports its business nearing normal finally.

The same day, though, Fall River's Sagamore Mfg. Co. announced an indefinite closedown (affecting about 1,000 employees).

December had no silver lining for many merchants. A low-priced hat chain's sales ran 18% under the same month a year earlier even though the full year averaged only 8.8% lower. A shoe chain reports a drop of more than 7% for December although a gain of 2% was shown for the 12 months.

Use of cotton in the U.S. since July (end of the old cotton year) shows a brighter picture than consumer sales might indicate.

Average use per working day for the five months is just under 37,000 bales. That's below the overstimulated rate of the same 1950 months, but as good or better than in 1947, 1948, or 1949.

Military orders, of course, are the stabilizing factor this year.

Lower domestic use of cotton leaves just that much more for export and shipments turned up sharply late last year. Exports in November, in fact, topped home consumption—a phenomenon of the first water.

Consumers may expect higher meat prices from now on—unless they back away from the price tags.

In another couple of weeks, slaughter of both beef animals and hogs will be heading into its long seasonal slide.

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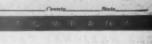
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DUSINESS WEEK INGEX (above)	*236.6	†237.4	236.1	233.6	173
PRODUCTION .					
Steel ingot production (thousands of tons)	2,051	2,041	2.097	1.991	1.2
Production of automobiles and trucks	94,799	153,601	115,627	139,679	62.8
Engineering const. awards (Eng. News-Rec. 4-week daily av. in thousands)	\$40,860	\$35,612	\$36,305	\$48,764	\$17.0
Electric power output (millions kilowatt-hours)	7,666	7,149	7,667	6,981	4.2
Crude oil and condensate production (daily av., thousands of bbls.)	6,178	6,187	6,225	5,762	4.7
Bituminous coal production (daily average, thousands of tons)	1,825	+1,571	1,874	2,005	1.7
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TRADE					
Carloadings: manufactures, misc., and l.c.l. (daily av., thousands of cars)	76	76	77	77	
Carloadings: all other (daily av., thousands of cars)	54	52	52	50	
Department store sales (change from same week of preceding year)	-21%	1+12%	-1%	+39%	+30
Business failures (Dun and Bradstreet, number)	164	†126	143	193	2:
RICES					
	458.2	461.2	457.9	522.1	311
Spot commodities, daily index (Moody's Dec. 31, 1931 = 100)	314.5	†317.3	317.6	375.4	198
Industrial raw materials, daily index (U.S. BLS, Aug., 1939 = 100) Domestic farm products, daily index (U.S. BLS, Aug., 1939 = 100)	355.7	358.4	356.0	397.8	274
Finished steel composite (Iron Age, lb.)	4.131e	4.131e	4.131¢	4.131¢	2.68
Scrap steel composite (Iron Age, ton)	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$46.08	\$20.2
Copper (electrolytic, Connecticut Valley: lb.)	24.500e	24.500¢	24.500e	24.500€	14.04
Wheat (No. 2, hard and dark hard winter, Kansas City, bu.)	\$2.52	\$2.52	\$2.55	\$2.40	\$1.9
Cotton, daily price (middling, ten designated markets, lb.)	42.13¢	42.15¢	41.60¢	44.27¢	30.50
Wool tops (Boston, lb.)	\$2.25	\$2.25	\$2.30	\$4.10	\$1.
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00	190.9	189.5	186.1	169.0	135
Medium grade corporate bond yield (Baa issues, Moody's)	3.60%	3.62%	3.62%	3.18%	3.05
Prime commercial paper, 4-to-6 months, N. Y. City (prevailing rate)	21%	21%	21%	13%	1-1
ANKING (Millions of dollars)					
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Total loans and investments, reporting member banks	73,729	74,217	73,771	70,824	††71,147	
Commercial and agricultural loans, reporting member banks	21,267	21,419	21,219	17,924	119,221	
U. S. gov't and guaranteed obligations held, reporting member banks	32,074	32,224	32,115	33,046	1149,200	
Total federal reserve credit outstanding	24,554	24,825	24,980	21,235	23,883	

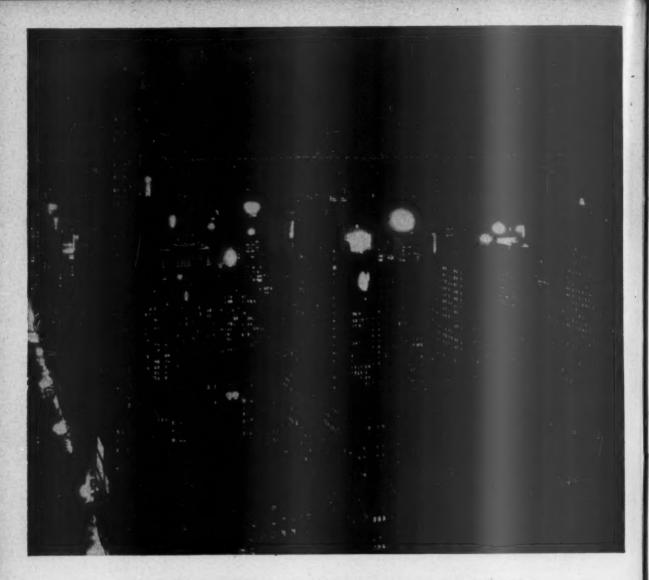
MONTHLY FIGURES OF THE WEEK \$811 \$1,155 Exports (in millions)......November..... \$1,386 \$977
 Imports (in millions).
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 Housing starts (in thousands).
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Watch for a trick formula to raise steel prices. The details aren't set. But the gist of what Truman's economic stabilizers have in mind is this: They want to interpret the law as requiring the Office of Price Stabilization to let steel prices rise, regardless of how the wage issue is settled. Thus the blame for rising prices will be on the law, which Congress wrote, and not on the higher wages, which Truman backs. Anyway, that's what you'll be asked to believe.

Election-year softness in defense now is beginning to show up. The mobilizers deny they're influenced, of course. But the record shows:

For autos, the second-quarter copper allocation was jumped 25% after industry and labor protested the National Production Authority's tentative cutback. Word for the NPA to back down came from the White House.

"Nonessential" hard goods—jewelry, window blinds, toys, etc.—got an increase in metals when small-business heat turned on.

New storm of cutback protests is brewing. It will break over NPA and Congress just as soon as second-quarter allocations are fixed, line by line and company by company. Many metal users will face the prospect of operating below the break-even point. And now that NPA has started yielding to pressure, it will be hard put to hold fast in the future.

Efforts to aid cut-back companies and reduce unemployment are being stepped up. At a West Coast clinic attended by 104 firms, NPA found seven could handle prime contracts, 41 could take subcontracts, and 14 could make "shelf items"—bolts, nuts, etc., for which controlled materials are available (page 24). Mobilizer Wilson has instructed the defense agencies to place contracts without competitive bidding in defense unemployment areas. This is not an efficient way to get arms. It's another bow to pressure.

Extension of price, wage, and credit controls will bring on a bitter fight. And Congress, facing election, will delay to the limit—June 30.

The anticontrol forces are lining up. Organized business and farm groups are just about unanimous in opposing price ceilings beyond midyear. Unions want price control tightened, but they want an end to wage control. Real estate men and retailers want credit curbs lifted as a business boost. Each group is powerful and will light its fire under Congress.

Allocation of controlled materials isn't in question. There's opposition, but it's not too formidable.

The outcome of the fight can be anticipated. Controls will remain for another year at least. Congress is afraid to chop them off this year. Truman could make political capital out of that if inflation became painful. But Congress may decide to leave the future of controls up to the President—a finding by him that they are necessary. In that way, election-time complaints would be focused on the White House, not on Congress.

Pay-as-you-go defense financing is out. This means that the peak years of arms spending will create deficits.

A \$13-to-\$15-billion tax rise has no chance. And that's what would

WASHINGTON OUTLOOK (Continued)

WASHINGTON BUREAU JAN. 19, 1952 be needed to balance the new budget that Truman will send to Congress next week. He won't ask any such increase.

A \$4-billion plus tax boost is all that Truman wants at this time. But Congress will balk even on that. There's widespread doubt that spending will reach the heights Truman forecasts, short of a new war scare.

This year's economic report (page 21) doesn't mean much. It's little more than an argument for Truman's whole program, Fair Deal and all. Congress has become used to this. So the arguments for such things as bigger old-age pensions, higher unemployment benefits, aid to education, and the Brannan Plan no longer cut any ice. In fact, serious talk in Congress on the abolition of the Council of Economic Advisers, staffed with high-paid experts, seems certain at this session.

Universal Military Training is a hot potato politically. Congress approved it last year, in principle. Now comes the tough vote on making it work.

Tradition is at stake. The U.S. has never been a military nation. Conscription always has been a wartime measure. So there's much hesitation to make it a part of national policy. Congress wants to delay.

Truman's cleanup of scandal is disappointing to his followers. An independent commission to do the job is out. Truman has handed over the broom to Attorney General McGrath, and some of his Justice Dept. aides are involved in the favor-doing.

Congress will keep digging. Republicans and anti-Truman Democrats will see to that. But it will take time-years-for Congress to get to the bottom of things unless Truman helps.

News stories on Truman's intentions are guesses. You can make a good case that he will or won't run.

He has said that he has made up his mind-knows what he will do. He told that to newsmen months ago.

Now he says he hasn't made up his mind. That's what political men say he tells them when they talk with him at the White House.

The fact is that Truman is pulled and hauled. His family has "had enough." Dissension within the party is worse than in 1948. Scandals are hurting. The war in Korea is unpopular. The pinches of defense are making enemies. Truman is aware of all this. He's also aware that he can make the race if he wishes.

Pressure on Truman to declare his intentions is mounting. The longer he waits, the harder for anyone else to rise; harder, too, for Truman to quit.

Vice-president Barkley looms in the background. If Truman runs, he'll go along as V-P again. But if Truman steps down, Barkley will go for the No. 1 prize—the Presidency. It will be hard for any Democrat to beat him to the nomination. True, he's going on 75. But he's vigorous. And he's a campaigner who can make it rough for any Republican, be it Taft or Eisenhower.

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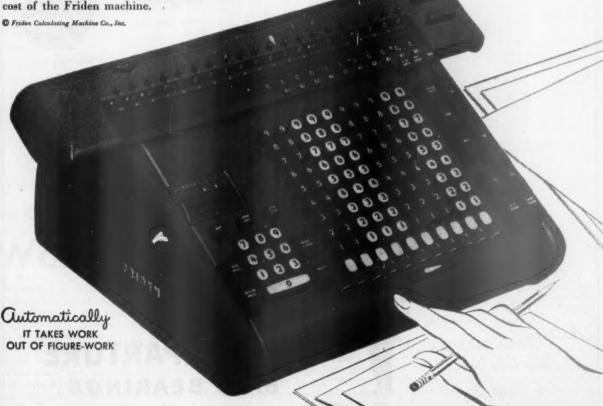


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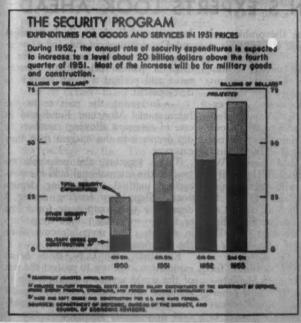
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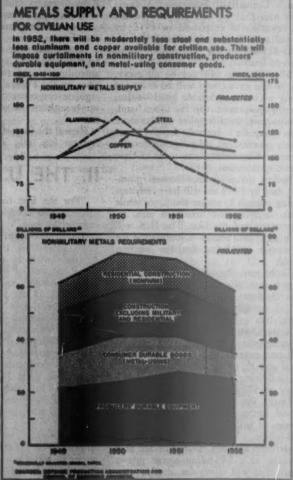
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THE OFFICIAL FUTURE:

World Prosperity by Fiat

Looking at it from inside the U.S. or taking the world view, the governmental eye sees just about the same picture of the economic future. You may not agree with the picture, but it's the one the official policymakers are steering by.

This week two ultra-official documents take a look ahead. One is President Truman's annual economic report to Congress; the other is a study commissioned by the United Nations Economic and Social Council. From both emerge this sort of view of the future:

Prosperity as far as you can see ahead.

Behind the prosperity—government action. In the short term, Truman sees boom conditions resulting from U.S. armament. And, looking farther ahead, the U.N. study assumes that, even after mobilization has spent its force, there can be no great depression; the world's governments are so deeply committed to full employment that they would and could prevent any such thing from happening.

Secondary troubles going along with the prosperity. Truman talks of the shortages accompanying a munitions boom; the U.N. group is concerned with ways to smooth out relatively minor economic recessions.

I. TRUMAN SAYS:

Like his state of the union message, Truman's annual appraisal of the nation's economic health is merely a restatement of U.S. defense goals and the Fair Deal program.

The theme: Despite today's local con-

The theme: Despite today's local conversion unemployment and the overlong lull in consumer buying, the buildup of defense and the expansion of industrial plant will keep the nation healthy for a long time to come. Truman sees the standard of living climbing at a rate that will double it within a generation.

· More Jobs-In the short run, Truman's Council of Economic Advisers tells him that we can and should lift the number of employed in 1952 by 1\frac{1}{2}-million. Total output should rise by 5\%-\\$15-billion to \\$20-billion above current levels.

This progress will not be all gravy. For a year or so, you will have to get along with fewer durable goods-autos, homes, appliances. On the other hand, clothing and food supplies will be more than adequate. Indeed, the President wants government aid programs for the farmers so agriculture can meet all-time record production goals.

Follow my program, Truman promises, and by 1954 we will have defenses strong enough to secure the peace while again enjoying the luxury of cars, refrigerators, and the like. The U.S. will be healthy and sound-a foundation for economic well-being for the western

To be sure, the whole economic message is just what you might expect in this election year. Defense has the No. 1 priority, but the Fair Deal is there, too.

· Arms Costs-The message presented some figures: It noted that rearmament will cost around \$50-billion during the fiscal year that ends next June 30. For the following 12 months, the bill will come to \$80-billion or \$83-billion.

Since the Korean outbreak, the armed forces have been doubled; deliveries of military goods have reached \$20-billion. With 5.5-million workers in defense industry, deliveries are now running at a \$45-billion-a-year rate-a figure that will climb for another year or so as new materials and fabricating capacity costing tens of billions come into production.

By the end of this year, steel capacity will hit 118.5-million tons, 22% above the pre-Korean level. For aluminum, the goal is an increase of more than 50%, or 400,000 tons. Electric power output and oil refining capacity will grow by 24% and 9% respectively.

• Tax Picture-To pay for rearmament -and around \$20-billion in nonde-fense spending—Truman expects taxes now on the books to bring in around \$62-billion this fiscal year. For 1953, the take may go up to \$67-billion or \$70-billion.

By this reckoning, the Treasury will be in the red for \$8-billion in fiscal 1952, and for about \$13- to \$15-billion the following year. (Private estimates of the deficits, by government economists, run around \$4-billion lower; lags in arms deliveries and more revenue due to continued income rises are expected to trim the total.)

Truman wants another round of tax increases to help close the gap. He asked for the difference between the \$10-billion he requested last year and the \$5.6-billion Congress finally voted. Rate increases and loophole plugging were his suggestions.

Some of the President's other recom-

mendations were:

Strengthen price and credit controls by repealing the Capehart and Herlong amendments and removing the limitations on the Federal Reserve's power to regulate consumer credit. Truman also wants authority to set slaughtering quo-

Repeal the import ban in the Defense Act on fats, oils, and dairy products. This would enable our allies to get along with less U.S. aid.

Increase social security and unemployment insurance benefits.

Authorize public power development including the St. Lawrence Seaway

Aid agriculture by replacing the sliding scale provision of price supports with a a flat 90% of parity guarantee.

The President also urged "direct payments" to farmers instead of price supports on perishables-the Brannan Plan.

Revise Taft-Hartley. Truman didn't get specific, but the fact that he said revise" and not "repeal" may mean

some action this year.

Some of these proposals stand a fair chance of passage. But Truman's tax, control and welfare recommendations can pretty much be forgotten.

THE U.N.'S EXPERTS LOOK AHEAD

"For the first time the problem of international economic instability is a

manageable one.'

That's the opinion of five economists picked by the United Nations to study ways to reduce the international impact of recessions. The experts: James W. Angell, Columbia University; G. D. A. MacDougall, Oxford University; Javier Marquez, Interna-tional Monetary Fund; Hla Myint, Oxford University; and Trevor W. Swan, Australian National University.

The group starts with the premise that large depressions, such as the U.S. had in the early 1930's, are things of the past. But they assume that dips of the intensity and duration of 1937-1938 will probably be with us for a

while yet.

• Premise-The report-Measures for International Economic Stabilityopens with the words "It is now generally accepted that the major countries have both the will and the means to avoid deep and prolonged depressions."

A lot of people will argue that point. Even today, with good business over the short run seeming almost certain, there are many dissenters. And a large number of businessmen, looking ahead of the time when the armament program starts downward, are worried about a dip-and a deep one.

The report, however, assumes no more big depressions in the U.S., or any other country. Its three major recommendations for damping the international effect of future swings in economic activity are based on the assumption that these swings will be of 1937-1938 dimensions. The recommendations are:

· The stabilization of world commodity markets through such methods as long-term contracts, quota systems, and buffer stocks.

Expansion of lending by the

International Bank for Reconstruction and Development in case of a recession. That would compensate for a drop in private international investment and prevent a sharp setback to development.

• Increasing the reserves in the International Monetary Fund-and in case of recession allowing members to dip deeper into the reserves than they

can now.

Taken together, the proposals extend to the international field the anticyclical method of handling depressions. Stepped-up lending during a depression will compensate for a loss of foreign exchange caused by a drop in exports. The reverse occurs when the recession eases.

Essentially, the U.N. study is an exploration into how to protect the rest of the world against a business dip in the U.S. The volume of U.S. exports and imports is so great that any significant drop would immediately trip up the economies of a large part of the rest of the world. Dollar reserves abroad are nowhere near enough to fill in for a downturn in the American business cycle.

· Not So Easy-There are major difficulties to putting the U.N. program into effect. More capital would have to be raised by the participating nations (and mostly the U.S.). Increasing the lending power of the International Bank and boosting the International Fund's reserves also would en-

tail more capital.

In the case of commodities, a buffer stock agency would be needed, big enough to buy up significant percentages of the world supply of the commodities to be stabilized. That would take plenty of money. And getting price agreements between importing and exporting countries might be diffin

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Tin Deal ...

... is chief gain, maybe chief snag in Truman-Churchill raw materials package. It may break Bolivia jam.

One of the solidest results of the Truman-Churchill talks was a raw materials deal that's designed to bring scarce tin and aluminum to the U.S., scarce steel to Britain.

The broad outlines of the deal were quickly O. K.'d by the political chiefs:

• Britain agrees to "lend" us 33-million lb. of Canadian aluminum this year, to be repaid next year.

 In exchange, the U.S. will supply Britain with about 1-million tons of steel or steel-making materials.

• The British government will supply us with 20,000 tons of tin this year at \$1.18 per lb.

• Details Underway—That's about the size of the package that was agreed to at the White House. The experts and technicians are still working out a score of details—many of them so important that at midweek some U.S. negotiators felt major changes in the agreement were still possible.

• Tin Snag—The real troublemaker in the package is tin. Tin has been a bone of contention ever since Korea. We must import our entire supply, so we began a big stockpiling and buying program. World tin prices quickly shot from around 75¢ per lb to \$1.80. In March the Reconstruction Finance Corp., sole U.S. tin buyer, stopped buying. Tin prices immediately slid to the neighborhood of \$1.10.

Pricewise, there was no doubt about it: RFC's move was a big success. But negotiations to get a firm contract at \$1.12 per lb. dragged on and on.

Chief mobilizer Wilson and Fleischmann got worried when it became obvious that—with no tin coming in—they must either dip into the stockpile or put new and more drastic controls on domestic users of tin. Pressure built up to close a deal even if it meant topping RFC's ceiling offer of \$1.12.

• Off the Hook—In the end, it took a Truman-Churchill meeting to get all sides off the hook.

The U.S. needed tin, obviously, and even RFC isn't unhappy about the \$1.18 price; that's a lot below \$1.80.

The British needed dollars, obviously, and Malayan tin has always been one of Britain's biggest dollar-earners.

But when it came to tacking down the details, the U.S. experts wanted to hang onto the elbow room they knew they'd need in dealing with other tin producers.

For instance, 20,000 tons of tin takes

care of only 30% of our annual needs. Suppose the U.S. pays more than \$1.18 to other producers. Do the British automatically get the higher price, too? Britain says yes; we say no. There were other equally knotty details to be thrashed out.

• Bolivia Ahead—As soon as these details are spelled out and approved, RFC will go to work on a long-term contract with the Bolivians, who've been the big supplier of concentrates for the U.S. smelter at Texas City, Tex. The Bolivians have been holding out for \$1.50 on the grounds—admitted by RFC—that Bolivian production costs are higher. But RFC says its own cost studies reveal that the \$1.18 price leaves the Bolivians plenty of profit.

RFC officials admit that \$1.18 becomes in effect a price floor for a year or maybe more, and odds are now that the Bolivians will get a somewhat higher price.



Trouble in Baltimore

Baltimoreans got to their jobs this week by bumper-to-bumper auto travel as a strike of 3,000 Baltimore Transit Co. employees entered its second week. No street cars, buses, or trackless trolleys were running, but everyone apparently was getting along pretty well. Retail trade was down-but it always is in January.

AFL workers struck Jan. 10 for a 24¢ hourly raise. The company offered 4¢ plus an additional 3¢ if it could get a fare increase. A possible break came this week when the union said it would settle for the "allowable" raise under Wage Stabilization Board rules. The union says this would be 14¢.

Planes, Quicker

That's what the Air Force is seeking when it orders 20 huge presses to mass-produce components.

The U.S. Air Force has finally decided to build giant presses like those already used by the Russians to get mass production of plane parts. The decision came this week—after the Pentagon spent almost two years blowing hot, then cold on the program.

It's a \$210-million program calling for nine heavy forging presses and 11 extrusion presses. Two heavy forging presses will have 50,000-ton capacities. The 18 other machines will range in size from 35,000 tons down to 8,000 tons. · Used Abroad-German aircraft producers were the first to use such presses. After the war the Russians converted some of these to their own use. Russians are figured to be delivering 100 Mig-15's per month to Korea, compared with about 20 of our Sabrejets. Only recently has the U.S. taken another look at the heavy presses we took out of Germany at the end of the war.

Now the Air Force hopes—perhaps optimistically—to put the new machines into aircraft production by mid-1954.

• Canceled Biggest—Original plans submitted by the Munitions Board and the National Security Resources Board over two years ago called for at least one 75,000-ton forging press plus several 50,000-ton machines. The big press was dropped as too expensive. Estimated cost: \$7.5-million.

Biggest now will be two 50,000-ton forging presses to be built by Loewy Construction Co. and Mesta Machine Co. Work is already in progress on the Loewy machine. It is expected to be complete within 18 months. Mesta estimates two years' delivery on its big job. Wyman-Gordon Co. of Worcester, Mass., will run the Loewy press, and Alcoa of Vernon, Calif., the Mesta.

• One German Press—Nineteen presses will be built by U. S. manufacturers—Loewy; Mesta; United Engineering & Foundry; Baldwin-Lima-Hamilton; and Lombard Corp. The one exception is an 18,000-ton extrusion press to be shipped from Germany.

The Air Force will retain title to the machines, distributing them to contractors on a direct loan or lease basis.

The big reason for the Pentagon's delay in deciding to make the presses was this: Until now, the Air Force feared its present buildup would have been nearly completed before it could get a single press into operation. They're too costly to operate on much less than full-capacity basis.

Mobilization Unemployment Hurts-in

Last week the government moved in several directions to still the clamor over "conversion unemployment"—the rising number of workers caught in the dead spot between curtailed civilian production and still-to-come military work.

Comptroller General Lindsay Warren ruled that the government didn't have to award contracts to the lowest bidder if award to a higher bidder would throw defense work into areas of job distress.

• After first refusing, chief mobilizer Charles E. Wilson finally restored enough second-quarter copper to the auto industry for 800,000 cars. If substitute materials can be found National Production Authority will allow production of up to 930,000 cars (BW—Jan.12'52,p140). Industry and labor sources claim that if the original 20% copper cutback had stayed in effect, it would have added 70,000 or 100,000 workers to Detroit's already swollen jobless rolls.

 Wilson set up a survey team to ferret out unused plant and machine capacity, and put it to work.

 The Senate Small Business Committee is preparing for hearings that may separate wheat from chaff in rumors that new plant construction is being approved at a time when small shops have idle capacity.

capacity.

• New York's Sen. Herbert Lehman and Rep. F. D. Roosevelt, Jr., demanded that something be done about the drop in New York City's construction industry. In November, the city's building employment had fallen off 5.3% from October. The drop was partly seasonal, but still the sharpest since 1946.

All these moves, and others, have been reactions to widespread talk about the increasing conversion unemployment, and the failure to use available small-shop metalworking capacity.

With the wave of protest increasing, BUSINESS WEEK reporters last week tried to find out how much of the talk sprang from real trouble. Correspondents in many cities asked questions, came up with these answers:

there is heavy unemployment in some industries, while others, virtually next door, are starving for manpower.

Most of the trouble is due to a cutback in textile production, after earlier overproduction had built up excessive inventories. The situation is expected to iron itself out in time.

In Providence, the jewelry makers are also suffering from earlier overproduction. Just as they were ready to pick up again, their copper allocation was cut to 5% of base-period use. NPA recently eased their pain by boosting copper allocations back to 25% of the base period.

In Rhode Island, textile and jewelry layoffs between them account for a large share of the 8.8% unemployment in the state's labor force. Metalworking plants—the state's second ranking industry after textiles—are running at top, speed.

top speed,
When you have ticked off Detroit,
New York City, and New England,
you've just about completed the unemployment roster.

II. MACHINES IDLE

A favorite story of the Senate Small Business Committee concerns the \$8-million plant being built at Dayton, Ohio, by the Delco Div. of General Motors. The plant is primarily for aircraft landing gear struts; its certificate of necessity was granted by Defense Production Administration on the recommendation of the Defense Dept.

The senators find two catches in these proceedings. Their own research, they say, shows that (1) there are small companies ready, willing, and able to produce the struts, and (2) GM itself already has idle facilities that could do the job. The senators say that neither Defense nor DPA-NPA made any check to see if the new plant was necessary.

The senators seem to think that their hearings will add some horrible examples to the dossier. Maybe so, but the BUSINESS WEEK SURVEY indicates that they will have to scratch hard and deeply. The consensus: There isn't much idle metalworking capacity, and what there is suffers from notable limitations.

• Few Idle Plants—Really big empty plants, available for conversion, just don't exist. From Buffalo comes the story of Twin Coach Co. being reduced to renting space in an airport hangar, fixing it up at considerable expense. Cleveland reports even multistoried old dogs of buildings are snapped up as fast as they are vacated.

No space at all, says Chicago; very little, says Pittsburgh; little or no space

I. IT FOLLOWS CIVILIAN CUTBACKS

In most areas there is little unemployment except among the hard core of the industrially unemployable. But there are three major exceptions: Detroit, New York City, and New England.

• Detroit Worst Off-Conditions in Detroit—and in Michigan as a whole—are by far the worst. Last week, some 135,000 people were out of work in Detroit, 175,000 in the state as a whole. Enforced cutbacks in auto production are the biggest factor. And defense jobs opening up later in the year are not expected to put more than 71,000 people to work. The Michigan Employment Security Commission rather optimistically estimates that a quarter of the present unemployment is due to car-model changeovers, and will end soon.

However, there seems to be little doubt that things will get worse before they get better in Detroit. Even MESC predicts 156,000 idle in Detroit by June, 190,000 in the state.

• Shares Dim View—The point that unemployment would get worse got backing in Washington early this week. Secretary of Commerce Charles Sawyer told congressmen that there would be a substantial jump in unemployment in the second quarter, that 1952 would see the peak impact of the defense program. Yet Sawyer added that—overall—unemployment right now is at an almost irreducible 1.6-million. He didn't think increased idleness this year would prove serious.

• New York Spotty—New York City's problems, less serious than Detroit's, are rather specialized, largely confined to the building trades. The State Department of Labor reports that building employment dropped 10% between October, 1950 and October, 1951. In the same period, it rose 4% nationally and 7% in upstate New York.

Over-all employment remains high in the city's industry as a whole. But the state labor department points out that the rosy totals conceal considerable underemployment. The average work week in the city is only 36.6 hrs., compared with 38.8 hrs. for the state and 40.4 hrs. for the nation.

• New England's Case—The third unemployment area—New England—has the most specialized conditions of all. In some areas, such as Providence,

going begging, reports Milwaukee. There are no dissenting voices.

· Some Idle Machines-The story is much more complex when you get down to idle machine time in going shops. There seem to be lots of small shops with time on their hands, lots of mills and lathes doing nothing part of the time. But it's another question whether they could be efficiently harnessed to defense production via subcontracts.

From Boston comes a report that pretty well sums up the picture. There's plenty of unused metalworking capacity scattered around New England; its owners want defense work. Trouble is, most of the shops are too small, lack special purpose machinery, can't meet the required tolerances. The larger shops generally get jobs as fast as they find idle machines. The little ones have more problems than just lack of size: (1) They don't know where to go to get defense work; (2) many prime contractors still prefer to expand their own plants rather than share the work.

Minneapolis is one city that complains about having considerable open time on its machines. Plants report lots of available lathe, tool, and jig time, though no more gear work can be handled. The whole area claims it is on short rations of defense work.

• Midwest Varies-Split opinions pop up in St. Louis. The Chamber of Commerce reports all machine operators busy now, with more war work on the way in the next two or three months. The local Small Business Council takes a dimmer view. Recently it polled 28 metalworking or service and plating companies.

Only four reported no idle time. Five said they had 25% idle capacity, 12 said 50%, four said 75%. Like the wise

old owl, three said nothing.

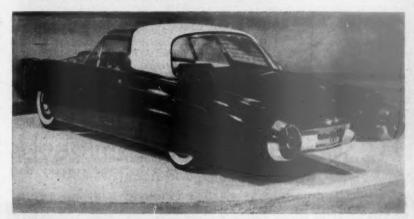
Vacant time was what Cincinnati has least of. One source said: "For unused machinery capacity, I believe you could write off Cincinnati-and probably all of Ohio." Others went almost as far. But there was one note of caution: By spring, quite a few plants may be needing work.

Other Ohio cities reported a little idle time. Columbus said there was some, but very widely scattered, mostly on machines already being used for one shift. In Cleveland, the platers and stampers had some idle time.

All in all, the picture indicated that here and there machines were sitting idle. Whether there are enough of them to be harnessed efficiently to subcontracting work is another question. Both the Senate committee and mobilizer Wilson's survey team would like to find the answer.



FORD'S PILOT MODEL, the Continental Nineteen Fifty X, will serve as a laboratory for the development of new features. Already being studied are . . .



CURVED WINDSHIELD blending into clear-dome top; a nonglare top over front seat that retracts, higher compression and more power-as . .

Ford Shows His Dream (

Automobile previews in the grand manner returned to Detroit last week, when Ford Motor Co. let 300 writers take a peek at its new experimental car, the Continental Nineteen Fifty X. It was a show designed to start the guests' typewriters clicking. They hadn't seen anything like it for a long time-not since they'd taken in the glittering lushness of General Motors' show in New York three years ago (BW-Jan.22'49,p65).

Apparently there was no ceiling on the budget. The writers—assembled from all over the U.S., some even from Europe-traveled on Ford tickets. They were lodged in privately provisioned hotel rooms. They were entertained by a \$5,000 stage show. And they went home clutching shiny new initialed briefcases (which carried the publicity stories), miniature 1952 Fords, and other souvenirs. Impromptu estimates put the party cost at about \$70,000. · Star-Center of the hoopla was the new experimental car-Ford's answer

to General Motors' Le Sabre (BW-

Aug.4'51,p78) and Chrysler's K-310 (BW-Nov.24'51,p21). Ford's Continental has the long sweeping lines of its GM and Chrysler counterparts and some of the same engine thinkinghigher compression, more power, and better carburetion.

It has other innovations, too. Overall height is 56.7 in., length, 220 in. The top of the car is in two sections. The leather-covered canopy over the rear is permanent, but the glareresistant glass over the front compartment retracts into the canopy at the driver's desire. Other refinements include a dictating machine and tele-

· In the Offing-Although the Continental stole the show, guests were interested in the redesigned 1952 models that Ford will announce in a few weeks. Two new engines were unveiled, both overhead-valve jobs. One is a 101-hp., 6-cylinder model for optional Ford car installation. The other is Lincoln's new 160-hp. V-8, housed in a completely redesigned body shell.

Tax Cash-Companies Have It

And if they haven't, they can get it by borrowing. Survey shows few companies will be backed to the wall by the Mills Plan. Little change so far in spending or dividend plans.

On Mar. 15 of this year, three things will cause corporations to pay into the U.S. Treasury more money than ever before in history. The three: (1) strong 1951 earnings; (2) a higher income tax and an excess profits tax on those earnings; and (3) the Mills Plan, which will force companies to pay in one lump 35% of their total tax bill.

That combination—adding up to the biggest drain ever on corporate cash—has had economists puzzling now for several months. The center of most of their pondering has been one question: Will companies have the money to meet the bill? What will the payment do to dividends, expansion plans, and policy in general?

• Prepared—This week a survey by BUSINESS WEEK correspondents across the country gave early, but reassuring answers. Most companies either:

Have salted away for the payment well in advance.

• Or can borrow to meet the payment fairly easily through their regular

lines of credit.

Although many businessmen feel put upon in having to pay 70% of their total tax bill in the first six months of the year (the Mills Plan this year requires 35% in each of the first two quarters, 15% in September and December), almost no one is desperate. Few will have to cut dividends or delay capital spending plans to put together the payment. In fact, a significant number of companies believe the accelerated payment is a good idea, that it is a step toward putting corporate taxes on something like a pay-as-youearn basis.

Comments like these are typical: "You can't get hurt much by a 10% stepup. And even if you do feel some pain, it only happens once."

"This is only an added headachenot a major affliction."

"Sure, I'll have to go to the bank, but in this business I've always had to

but in this business I've always had to around tax time."

"When you're drowning in 15 ft. of

"When you're drowning in 15 ft. of water, who's going to get excited about having to drown in 16 ft.?"

• Laid Away—Among bigger corporations, it's hard to find a case where management has not prepared for at least the first six months' payments. A majority of the companies surveyed by business week has laid away for the entire year, mainly in government tax anticipation bills. "It's no more than sensible fiscal policy," one says. "There's no reason for using tax money

as working capital."

Some medium-sized and small companies admit to less virtue. They say they have had to dip into tax money to finance inventory or building, and that they will have to make up the funds now by borrowing. Some machine tool builders, especially, fall in this class. They, and other companies like them, will either have to get new loans or extend existing ones. The net effect, one economist thinks, will be a retiming of the seasonal slump in business borrowing that usually sets in around March; the dip will come a little later this year.

• No Trouble—By and large, companies foresee little trouble in getting loans if they have to. It seems only natural, however, that there will be some cries of anguish as tax deadline time nears. But the cries are likely to be audible only because they'll be heard against a background of general silence. "The sound company that

made money last year," one tax accountant says, "either has the money or can get it. The only screams you'll hear will come from the chronically underfinanced operation whose bank is finally saying no."

Incidentally, several company comptrollers point out that under the excess profits tax it would often pay a company to borrow and clean up its entire

tax liability in one payment.

• Plans—Here and there, companies will say that they have had to postpone some expansion plans because of the bigger tax payment. A West Coast motor carrier will delay the start of a new terminal a couple of months; a powertool maker says it is "thinking twice about authorizing new plant spending." These are the minority, however. Most companies—particularly the big ones—are going ahead with plans as scheduled now, although they make some reservations about the future.

Will companies have to cut dividends? Several say yes, but only one will blame it solely on the accelerated tax payment. The rest cite a combination of reasons—poorer earnings and the higher tax rates being the main ones. There seems no sign of any serious inventory liquidation, although almost all companies say they will keep a closer control on stocks over the coming year.



Stoking Up an Atomic Reactor

For the first time, a photo is released showing how the "fuel" is fed into an atomic reactor. Here an operator at Oak Ridge (Tenn.) National Laboratory shoves aluminum-jacketed slugs of uranium into the loading face of a graphite reactor. The uranium is not radioactive when it goes in but is deadly when it comes out.

War on Frozens

Fresh fruit and vegetable industries gang up on frozen foods. They aim to hold their place in the family budget.

Next week, the two national associations of the fresh fruit and fresh vegetable industries will merge. At the same time, they will try to raise funds for a campaign to sell housewives on fresh, rather than frozen foods. That may turn out to be a long-range program, because they'll have to educate small businesses in both associations in the

value of advertising.

The merger was dictated largely by economic reasons. First, the National League of Wholesale Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Distributors has less than 1,000 members-mostly east of the Mississippi. Second, the United Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Assn. has 2,300 members—35% growers and growershippers, 45% wholesalers, the rest brokers. Both associations are made up of a miscellany of growers, grower-shippers, and distributors with different problems, but having enough in common-transportation, shipping, promotion-to use the same offices.

• 75% Fresh-Some of the grower-shippers are already in the frozen food business. But in it or not, they have to face the fact that frozen foods, like canned foods, are here to stay. Last year the industry sold 587,101,000 lb. of frozen vegetables, compared with 346,208,000 lb. in 1947. Even so, 75% of all fruits and vegetables sold in 1950 were fresh. And now that prepackaging and other methods of prebeen developed, fresh produce represents a highly profitable department for a retailer, if he knows how to operate it.

• In the Bag-Today, grower-shippers in Florida husk and trim ears of corn and ship it in cellophane bags as far as Boston. Tomatoes and spinach have been packaged for some time. The retailer is willing to pay a premium for the packaging because it cuts his losses.

Fresh lima beans and fresh peas-best sellers of the frozen food industryare just about dead ducks in the fresh vegetable field. They involve too much work for the housewife, and once shelled they're too perishable to stand

packaging.

But 70% of the total volume of fruit and vegetable produce is estimated to be in potatoes, apples, citrus fruits, cabbage, onions, and celery. These are all staples, and all-with the exception of frozen citrus juice-safe so far from big inroads by the quick freezers.



NO SHRINKING VIOLET. With Donald C. Cook taking over, Washington sees .

Headlines Coming Up for SEC

A new, aggressive chairman and a congressional probe will take Securities & Exchange Commission into new fields and make it front-page, election-year news.

After a decade of self-sought obscurity, the Securities & Exchange Commission seems slated for the limelight again. Here's why:

· A congressional subcommittee has started an investigation into SEC's

practices and operations.

· Any day now, President Truman is expected to nominate young, aggressive Donald C. Cook to be SEC's new chairman.

Of the two, the investigation will probably do more to bring SEC out of its obscurity. Actually, the probe was conceived as a straightforward investigation of all phases of SEC's operations. The committee's main objective is to find out just how the commission construes and carries out the intent of Congress.

• Front Page-Whatever the outcome, though, the charges leveled at the com-mission should be good for months of headlines. Already, the committee is tracking some hot leads. For one thing, it has received charges, as yet unsubstantiated, that present and former SEC employees are peddling influence, speculating on inside information or modifying decisions in favor of special interests.

Another point the subcommittee wants to look into is how far SEC

should go in censoring new security issues. There have been instances—notably the Tucker auto case—where truthful registration statements weren't enough to protect investors. Chairman Leon Heller (Dem., N. Y.) and his subcommittee want to find out whether the law can be strengthened here-and if so, how.

• In Solid-This is an issue on which Cook stands solidly with his predecessors. Cook insists that SEC should not, as it does now, have the power to evaluate or reject a new flotation. Such power, he feels, would be tantamount to a veto over industrial expansion.

Although Cook goes along with his predecessors on this and some other issues, there's no doubt that his tour will be a peppy one. Even so, it probably won't approach the fireworks of SEC's early days.

• The Good Old Days-In the early thirties, say, the SEC was the archsymbol of the New Deal and the principal target of all the New Deal enemies. To Wall Street the commission's very existence spelled the end of an eraalmost the end of the world.

In those days, everything SEC did was controversial and big news. Its chairmen were colorful personalities with ideas and the ability to put them

over. Congress and the public were constantly aware of the commission's

• Settled Down-By the end of the thirties, however, the picture had changed. The Jerome Franks and Bill Douglases had moved on. The courts had upheld the constitutionality of the securities and holding company acts, and had affirmed the commission's administrative policies. Scandals that rocked the stock exchange ended Wall Street's active opposition.

In the years that followed. SEC has quietly enforced the "truth in securi-ties" mandate that Congress gave it. It has also supervised revamping of private utilities' finances into regionally integrated systems. In the process, it gained a reputation for outstanding efficiency. In fact, the Hoover Commission characterized the operation as "the perfect example of an administra-

tive agency at its best."

• Up and Up-Under Cook, the commission's basic responsibilities aren't going to change. SEC will still concern itself with policing the exchanges, forcing disclosure, and supervising the break-down of utility empires. But some new things will be added-and they will get attention. Cook's career to date pretty much guarantees this.

His first government job was with SEC in 1935, when he was 26, as a financial examiner in the registration section. He became assistant director of the utilities division in 1943. He had studied law on the side and, at this time, he took on an extra job: special counsel to the House naval affairs committee. After this he really began to

He became successively, executive assistant to the Attorney-General, head of the Office of Alien Property, and then vice-chairman of the SEC.

· Clear View-Cook has a pretty good idea of the programs he would like to launch when he takes over. For one thing, he wants to see some revision in registration requirements of corporations under the commission's jurisdiction. For established, listed concerns, he wants to make the forms and procedure easier and shorter; but he'd like to bear down hard on new promotions by big firms that are not now required to register.

• New Fields-Another project Cook would start: a series of studies of the nation's utility systems. Under Section 30 of the Holding Company Act, SEC has authority to check up on how well

its revamping is working.

Cook would also like to look into the whole question of debt versus equity financing of utilities. He feels that when the equity market is relatively strong, expanding companies should raise as much of their capital as they can from this source.



SWEATER BURNS fast if made of untreated brushed rayon. Fringe operators who sell ...

Torch Sweaters" Bring Textile Woes

One day last December, a man in California lit a cigarette, just as he had thousands of times before. But this time was different. About half way through his first drag the sweater he was wearing burst into flames. A few days later an unknown spark landed on the sweater of another man sitting quietly in a courtroom. It, too, burst into flames.

· Bad Publicity-This unnerving and painful experience didn't stop in California. By last week, at least 20 people across the U.S. had reported that they had been the victims of what the press began to call "torch sweaters" or "exploding sweaters." So far, the flaming sweaters had burned no one-except the textile industry. Faced with the worst publicity it had had in years, the industry in turn was burned up at the fringe operators who had brought it on by putting the inflammable stuff on the market.

The trouble was that the inflammable sweaters had been made from one of the commonest synthetic materials used in clothing-brushed rayon. What alarmed the textile industry was that the public would get the idea that everything made of brushed rayon would

go up like tinder.

• The Real Story-This week the industry was trying to convince the public that only a small percentage of brushed rayon is so highly inflammable. If the cloth is either properly constructed, or is treated with a chemical (an expensive process), it will be as fireresistant as any other fabric. Legitimate textile companies always do one or the

other. What made the exploding sweaters explode was the fact that the makers of the cloth had shaved costs by omitting chemical treatment of the cloth when it was brushed into a high

To emphasize this point the industry pointed out that all the inflammable sweaters were sold by itinerant street peddlers; you couldn't buy one in a store. This was admitted by Philip Toffler, a New Yorker who had been making the sweaters and selling them to peddlers. He did not know that they were so inflammable until last week. When he found out, he immediately

quit making them.
• Cut From Cloth-What Toffler had done was to buy the cloth already knitted from the Empire State Mills, Inc., in New York. He had failed to test the cloth for fire, and had gone ahead and cut and knitted sweaters from it. He had sold the sweaters to six peddlers for about \$2 apiece. The peddlers charged customers from \$3.50

What has the industry most worried, of course, is that the fringe operators who make and sell the stuff are threatening a safe, sound, and legitimate market. This week, Max Doft, president of Princeton Knitting Mills, Inc., hastily called a press conference to make a

reassuring statement.

• Protective Laws-The State of California, said Doft, has a law requiring manufacturers of this type of fabric to submit samples to the state fire marshal more than once a month in order to protect the public.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

How much rain does a rainmaker really make? To answer the skeptics, rainmaker Irving P. Krick (BW-Jul.14'51, p22) last week offered the National Weather Improvement Assn. \$100,000 to set up a long-range system of evaluating cloud-seeding. The group, meeting in Denver, accepted the offer.

RFC's \$154-million suit against Carl G. Strandlund, president of the extinct Lustron Corp., was settled out of court this week. RFC said Strandlund gave up all claims, stock, patents.

Planes led ships last year for the first time in carrying passengers from New York to foreign points. The score: 438,693 persons left by plane, 342,923 by ship. Ships held a lead in bringing passengers to New York, only because 85,148 refugees arrived under the displaced persons program.

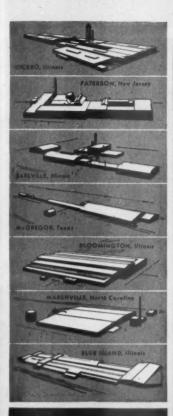
Three former executives of Colonial Airlines are the principal defendants in a suit filed this week by the airline. The company seeks to recover nearly \$500,000 from Sigmund Janas, Sr., its former president; Sigmund Janas, Jr., and Alfred N. Huson for alleged padding of expense accounts and misuse of company funds.

A new mobilization agency was recommended this week. The congressional "watchdog" committee on defense production (BW-Jan.12'52,p24) suggested an Office of Electric Power with enough muscle to break bottlenecks in the power expansion program.

The Lorain (Ohio) Journal decision by the Supreme Court (BW-Dec.15'51, p28) paved the way for settlement of another newspaper antitrust case in Ohio. Justice Dept. announced that the Mansfield News-Journal has agreed not to refuse advertising from companies that buy time on a radio station.

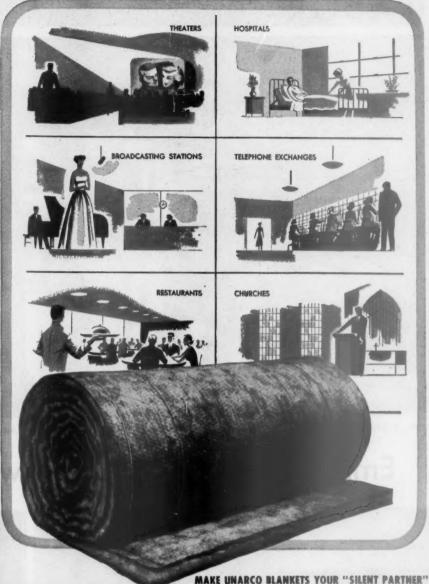
Opening of the last 9 mi. of the 118-mi. New Jersey Turnpike this week made it possible to drive from New York City to Wilmington, Del., in two hours. In the three months after the first section was opened, more than 1-million cars used the toll road.

A liquid fuels industry independent of petroleum will grow up "sooner than most people think," said Dr. G. F. D'Alelio, research manager of Koppers Co., Inc. Koppers leans toward gasification and hydrogenation of coal rather than to low-temperature coal carbonization (BW—Dec.15'51,p84).



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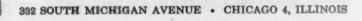
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THE STEEL CASE: With the nation's wage and price structure in the balance, Murray makes labor's bid for higher pay before a

Employers and Unions Await WSB's Bi



DURING RECESSES John Stephens of U. S. Steel (left) helped arm the employers on the panel against CIO arguments. He briefs Adm. E. W. Mills and John Bane . . .



... while Murray caucuses with union aides and associates, who gave him their judgment





six-man Wage Stabilization Board panel.



IT WAS CIO'S INNING when WSB's special steel panel sat in Washington last week. The industry is still to be heard from, opens its arguments Feb. 4 in New York.

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Bi Decision



on how his points were getting over to the panel. Meanwhile . . .



... discussions on procedure went on, like this one between Stephens, John Gall, Youngstown Sheet counsel (center) and panel head Harry Shulman. (Turn to page 36.)

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The fine paint specks that fell on laundry, automobiles, houses were traced to the nearby plant. Meanwhile, maintenance men at the plant knew that excess paint spray was doing the damage because water nozzles were becoming plugged. But how to correct it? How to keep the paint from building up on the booth walls and ventilating fans, from clogging water lines, nozzles and spray passages? A Dearborn Engineer knew. Treat the water-wall water so that it would form an alkaline film around each minute particle of excess pigment. Effective? Disposal is no longer a problem.



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STEPHENS LISTENS at the employer table, as the union continues its case.



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ADJOURNMENT for three weeks. Sessions resume in New York, Feb. 4 (page 36).



Within recent years, research on diseases of the heart and blood vessels has brought impressive advances that are helping to save many lives today.

Recurrent attacks of rheumatic fever—the chief threat to the hearts of children—may be prevented by penicillin or other drugs. New hormone compounds are also proving helpful in treating acute rheumatic fever, even in cases in which the heart has been seriously impaired.

Diseases of the arteries that nourish the heart can be treated more effectively now than ever before with certain drugs that prevent the formation or spread of blood clots. Studies show that under ideal conditions mortality from these causes was reduced about one-third by the proper use of these drugs.

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. Great strides have been made in curing infections that attack the valves of the heart. Heretofore, such infections were nearly always fatal. Today, two out of three cases are cured.

In addition, other research studies point to progress in the detection and treatment of various heart disorders. Prominent among these are the recent advances in knowledge about how the body utilizes cholesterol—a fatty substance in the blood—which is suspected of playing a part in hardening of the arteries.

Diagnostic instruments of unusual precision are also being perfected. These promise to reveal diseased heart conditions much sooner than is possible with present devices.

Even with these and other advances, diseases of the heart and blood vessels continue to be the greatest hazard to life. Some 9 million Americans are affected by them, and they account for about 44 percent of the total mortality in our country.

Authorities say, however, that much can be done to help protect the heart, and reduce the toll from heart disease. Here are some measures they recommend:

- 1. Do not ignore possible warnings of heart trouble: pain or a feeling of oppression in the chest, rapid or irregular beating of the heart, shortness of breath, and excessive fatigue. Such symptoms are often of nervous origin, but their true meaning should be determined by the doctor.
- 2. Have periodic medical check-ups. Everyone, especially those middle-aged or over, should have periodic medical examinations. Such check-ups generally insure that if heart trouble should occur, it will be detected early, when the chances of successful control are best.
- 3. Follow a routine of healthful living. Such a routine should include a nourishing diet, getting plenty of rest and sleep, trying to avoid tension, and keeping weight at normal or below. The latter is especially important as extra weight is a contributing factor to several types of heart trouble.

Today, thousands of people with bad hearts are living practically normal lives simply by faithfully following the doctor's instructions. Among the groups aiding research on heart disease is the Life Insurance Medical Research Fund, in which 143 Life insurance companies participate. Since 1945, the Fund has contributed nearly 4 million dollars to support studies on heart and blood vessel disorders.

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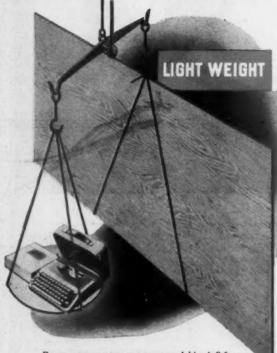
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Union Side . . .

... of the steel dispute is aired at WSB hearing. Union warns panel it won't budge an inch from wage demands.

In three days last week officials of United Steelworkers of America (CIO) laid their case for higher wages and other concessions in no uncertain terms before a panel of the Wage Stabilization Board in Washington.

The six-man panel was set up by the White House to avert a nationwide steel strike that the union scheduled for New Year's Day, then agreed to postpone in response to a personal plea from President Truman (BW—Dec.29'51,p32). Both sides will have a chance to sound off, then the panel will make recommendations to WSB.

• Or Else—The union had the first say, made a three-pronged argument:

• Present wage policies will permit wage increases and fringe benefits costing 35¢ an hour, well above union demands for a 15¢ general increase, an average 3½¢ for widening-job differentials, paid holidays, and other demands.

• Steel prices don't have to rise; the steel industry, the union says, can pay as much as 50¢ an hour without raising prices and still make a "reasonable" profit

able" profit.

• Union shop is no novelty; the industry has had it in its coal mines for 10 years, although it is not enforceable currently because John L. Lewis and other mine worker officials have not signed non-Communist affidavits in compliance with the Taft-Hartley labor

• More to Come—Panel hearings resume in New York on Feb. 1, when the union will argue for a guaranteed annual wage. Then, on Feb. 4, the "coordinating committee" of 35 steel companies will open the industry's defense against higher wage costs.

Six noneconomic issues were temporarily withdrawn from the panel voluntarily. Both sides believed they could be settled without government assistance, possibly during the three-week recess. If these are not settled by bargaining, WSB may have to make recommendations on them later.

• Will Hit Back—The industry itself hasn't had its chance to testify yet. But when it does it's certain to base its case on the loss in tax revenue that the steel companies say the government would suffer if steel wages are allowed to rise and profits are squeezed through denial of an adequate price increase. Spread over industry in general, this could cost the government more than \$13-billion in tax revenues at a time

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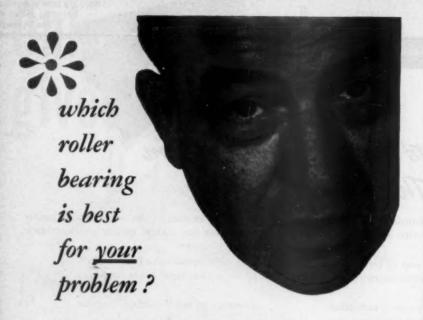
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when congressional leaders have stated that "the bottom of the tax barrel has been scraped."

Without fringes, the 18½¢ stee] union demand would cost the steel companies \$800-million, including increased costs of goods and services, the companies contend. This, they say, would reduce their corporate taxes by \$526-million. Net profits available for replacement, modernization, and expansion would drop \$275-million. Steel industry taxes would be reduced 43%. If the same happens to industry generally, corporate taxes—now about \$26-billion—would be cut more than half.

• Hot and Heavy—Union president

e Hot and Heavy—Union president Philip Murray bitterly condemned this stand which the steel industry is taking, gave management a violent tongue-lashing at USW's recent two-day convention in Atlantic City (BW—Jan.12'52,p 30). And the union had lost none of its bitterness in outlining its case to the panel. Murray branded U.S. Steel president Ben Fairless' offer to forego price increases if the union withdrew its wage demands as a "simple and diabolical fraud . . . a hoax." Fairless, Murray charged, was trying to get something for nothing, because the government already had told U.S. Steel and the rest of the industry that its profits would not entitle it to a price increase.

· Not Beholden-Union counsel Arthur Goldberg, who also went over the union demands in detail, stressed the independence of WSB in this case from either Mobilizer Wilson or Stabilizer Putnam and their rules. He argued that the dispute was certified to WSB by Truman-on all issues, economic and noneconomic-with instructions make recommendations to the White House and to the parties. Nobody else. The union is afraid that Wilson or Putnam might hold down the size of WSB's wage-increase recommendations because of their possible impact on prices and other union demands.

Actually, WSB says it will not make any recommendation that violates wage policies unless it also recommends to Putnam a change in the policies to cover its award. And WSB hasn't recommended changes in policies in the past without consulting the economic stabilizer about them first, for WSB operates under his direction and general supervision.

• Only Fair-Goldberg advised the panel that the union was not seeking any change in wage policies. He did, however, assert that the steel workers were entitled to the same benefits of increased productivity as the 4¢ annual increase allowed by WSB to automobile workers. WSB cannot isolate the policy as applicable only to existing auto contracts, Goldberg said. WSB at present is considering a "productivity" wage increase policy.



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Tide Turns on Textile Union

New England employers caught Textile Workers Union off guard with new demands for wage rate cuts. Companies blame ailing business, can see no real signs of relief.

For years unions haven't had to worry about serious efforts by employers to cut labor costs. Instead, because of general economic conditions, labor negotiators could concentrate on pushing contract terms up higher, year by year.

This week the tide turned—at least for one union, the Textile Workers Union of America (CIO). It got its first strong demands from employers for wage reductions. They came from woolen-worsted and cotton-rayon concerns in New England-

• The American Woolen Co., usually a pattern setter in its industry, notified TWUA that it is terminating its labor contracts when they run out. It wants new and more favorable terms.

• Associations representing cotton-rayon mills employing 95,000

workers advised TWUA that they want to negotiate a cut in wage rates in a March wage reopening.

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• Unexpected Turn—The announcements took the union by surprise. Just the week before it had held wage conferences in New York. At both woolenworsted and cotton-rayon meetings, TWUA's president, Emil Rieve, and other officers recommended that the union forego new wage demands in 1952. The two conferences accepted the recommendation.

• Mind of Its Own—The American Woolen contract covering 70,000 workers has a March 15 termination date. Unless either party serves a 60-day notice before that date, the pact is automatically renewed for another year.

TWUA thought that its decision to forego a wage demand would keep the



Michigan Leaders Get Bad News on Auto Cuts

Gov. Mennen Williams of Michigan, Walter Reuther of CIO's United Auto Workers, Sen. Blair Moody of Michigan, and Charles Wilson of General Motors (above, left to right) got more glum news in Washington last week: New auto cutbacks, and rising unemployment, are in the offing.

On the basis of current production, one man may be laid off for every four cars taken from assembly lines. DPA is prepared to allow production of 930,000 cars in the second quarter—off 70,000 from the first three months of 1952. But the actual output may be a lot less because new copper allocations will cover requirements for only 800,000 cars.

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American Woolen told the union that present contracts with TWUA-pose "a serious problem for the compose "a serious problem for the com-pany and our employees." The reason, according to American Woolen's president, Francis White, is that principal competitors did not have to take on added labor costs in 1951.

• Pace Setter-Last year TWUA got a 12¢ hourly raise in negotiations with woolen-worsted companies, but the Wage Stabilization Board cut it to 916. American Woolen also gave a c-of-l clause and additional fringe ben-

One group of big mills with AFL contracts did not sign for 91¢ hourly raises in 1951. Other competitive mills gave the full 91¢ increase, but did not follow American Woolen's lead by adding a c-of-l clause and fringes. are now able to operate with lower labor costs—and lower prices.

• Part and Parcel—That's only a part

of American Woolen's reason for wanting a new contract, though. The company is putting a lot more stress on its demand for a change in the work-load clause in its TWUA contracts.

American Woolen has a work-load clause permitting changes in assignments, negotiated late in 1951. But the company doesn't think it goes far enough. So it wants to go into the mat-

ter again in bargaining.

• Work Load Raise-Last weekend TWUA moved to avert further contract reopenings by employers. agreed to let Wyandotte Worsted Co. raise the work load in two mills from four to six looms, to "meet southern competition." The new load had been tested for six weeks, and Wyandotte employees had O.K.'d it.

In return, Wyandotte agreed not to ask for negotiations on a new contract when the present pact runs out March

TWUA announced that similar agreements will be made with other New England mills.

American Woolen described the Wyandotte development as "very interesting." But there was no immediate indication that it would drop its demand for contract negotiations with the union.

No contract termination is involved in TWUA negotiations with cottonrayon mills. A contract signed last year runs to March, 1953. The notice served by employers is under a March, 1952, wage reopening clause, which provides that if parties fail to agree on mutually satisfactory terms their dispute will be settled in binding arbitration. That's where the cotton-rayon appeal for a lower wage rate apparently is headed.



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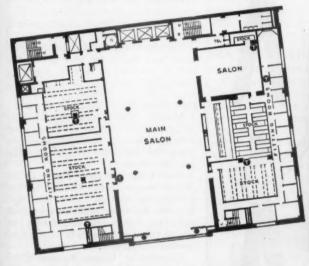
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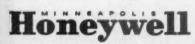


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Employers got an idea recently about how much they might be penalized for violating wage stabilization—provided they make a clean breast of the violation and bring their wages back into line without delay.

A quasi-judicial regional enforcement commission in Atlanta announced the first penalties imposed in the Wage Stabilization Board's new enforcement drive (BW-Dec.15'51,p30). They're not too stiff: disallowance of only the above-ceiling pay as a cost for income tax purposes.

 Break for Employers—That's a break for the employers. Under the Defense Production Act, the entire amount of wages paid during a stabilization violation could have been disallowed—not just the above-ceiling payments.
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Moreover, the total amount could have been disallowed also as a labor cost to be used in figuring costs on government contracts. And, for aggravated cases, the employers could have been prosecuted by the Dept. of Justice.

Moral: The sooner employers straighten out minor or inadvertent violations, the less time they'll be violating the rules and the smaller the penalty will be.

• Four Cases Decided—Three of the Atlanta region violations were for exceeding the WSB's 10% "catch-up" formula. The other one was for bonus violations. No unions were involved in any of the four cases. The companies, violations, and penalties are:

Commercial Bank, Panama City, Fla., gave 18 employees a 10% raise in October, 1950, and reported it as a "merit" increase—not to be charged against the 10% allowable under WSB rules. In July, 1951, it gave the 18 employees another 10% raise. WSB didn't agree that the first raise was a "merit" increase, said it actually exhausted the amount due under stabilization. Therefore, it ruled, the second 10% raise was a violation. The aboveceiling wages between July 1 and Nov. 1 (when the second raise was resinded) amounted to \$1,625.04. The enforcement commission disallowed that amount in business costs for income tax purposes.

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amounted to \$80,000, but the illegal excess was only \$5,200. The enforcement commission penalized the company only the \$5,200.

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J. O. Goshorn Co., Memphis, manufacturer of plow handles and furniture parts, increased its fiscal-year bonus fund from \$4,699 paid in 1950 to \$6,980 paid last March. That's more than 10%, WSB said. Moreover, board enforcement officers said the firm failed to report bonuses of more than 25% paid to some individual employees. The enforcement commission penalized the company \$2,291-the total amount of the bonus increase.

M. P. Brothers, Nashville wholesale grocer, gave a 5% pay hike to 11 employees in June, 1951. WSB found wages had previously been raised the allowable 10%. So its enforcement officers cracked down on the new 5% raise and penalized the company \$1,449—the amount of the above-ceiling pay.

The biggest enforcement cases so far, involving two Washington, D. C., building contractors charged with above-ceiling rates, were heard in Detroit last month. The regional enforcement commission still hasn't decided the cases.

LABOR BRIEFS

Citrus workers in Florida are being organized by CIO's Brewery Workers in the stepped-up "Operation Dixie" (BW-Dec.8'51,p38). The union says they are in its jurisdiction because canning and packaging citrus juice is "similar to beer canning." AFL is also after the 125,000 workers involved—25,000 in groves and the others in packing sheds and canning plants.

A 10% increase in pensions and retirement annuities will be sought by railroad workers during this session of Congress. The lawmakers amended the Railroad Retirement Act last November to up benefits by 15%. Railroad unions say that wasn't enough.

WSB jurisdiction over wages of seamen in foreign commerce is challenged by the National Maritime Union (CIO). It wants a federal court to set aside a board ruling that cut an 8% pay hike negotiated with 84 shipping companies to an "allowable" 6.2%.

Rail union shop, legalized last year and spreading over the carriers, is being tested in federal court action by a group of Louisville & Nashville employees. They argue that the 1951 amendment to the Railway Labor Act was unconstitutional. Suit is against



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duct isn't enough by itself, to be considered an unfair labor practice. NLRB so ruled recently in clearing the American Thread Co. of charges brought by AFL's textile workers. The board said a question about an employee's attitude toward the union was illegal, but no penalty is justified: The incident is "unrelated to any other antiunion conduct."

Safety legislation will be sought in Congress this session by the United Mine Workers—which wants federal inspectors to have the right (now denied)

L&N and the Brotherhood of Rail-

An isolated incident of antiunion con-

way Clerks.

New wage demands drafted by the Communications Workers of America (CIO) call for a "reasonable" pay hike for 315,000 Bell System employees. Most of them got 10% raises last year.

them) to close unsafe diggings. UMW was planning the drive even before the recent West Frankfort, Ill., mine disaster, which took 119 lives.

Reed & Prince strike is now in its second year, still with no signs of progress toward a settlement (BW-Mar.24'51, p138). CIO's United Steelworkers reported last week that 750 of the original 900 strikers from the Worcester (Mass.) plant are now employed elsewhere. A congressional committee that probed the long impasse last August, to see how T-H was affected, is due to report early this session.

Hormel Sets Pattern For Sickness Benefits

George A. Hormel & Co. blazed the trail for today's guaranteed-annual-wage demands when it put such a plan into effect in Austin, Minn., 17 years ago. Recently, the meat packer agreed to a liberalized sickness and accident benefits plan—and union leaders believe it may set a similar pattern for tomorrow's demands in that field.

The plan was negotiated with the United Packinghouse Workers (CIO), replaces one in effect since 1946. Under it, Hormel's 8,000 employees are assured of getting 70% of their normal weekly pay (based on 40 hours' work) for as long as 26 weeks if they can't work because of sickness or accident.

Actually, according to Hormel and its union, employees will be losing even less pay than the indicated 30%. Sickness and disability benefits aren't subject to income taxes, so disabled employees will really be drawing from 90% to 100% of their normal takehome base pay.





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HEALTH



CASE HISTORY. Hilmer Larson, a meter repairman, is interviewed by clinic boss, Dr. H. K. Hellerstein, and an aide.

Putting Heart Cases Back to Work

(Story starts on page 56)



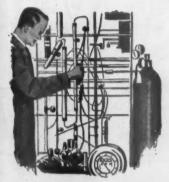
TESTS of great thoroughness are made to establish capabilities of Larson, who had a heart attack months before.



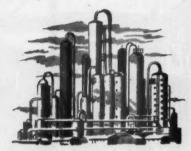
ROUND-TABLE SESSION collates findings of medical and job experts on Larson's case. Its conclusions will be turned over to Dr. Don Kelly (second from left), company doctor who referred the case. For what happened to Larson, see page 56.

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(Health starts on page 52)



BACK AT WORK. Larson resumes his old job at Thompson Products main plant, aided by a jalopy to ride around. Company figures it has invested \$12,000 in Larson's training.

Cardiac Cases Return to Work

When heart disease hits a trained worker and then responds to treatment, both the man and his company have some tough decisions to make.

The recovering worker must decide whether to try to work again—or to resign himself to uselessness on a disability pension. What work can he do without endangering his life?

The employer must decide whether he wants the worker back, and in what job. He may have an investment of \$10,000 to \$12,000 in the training of the skilled operator; to lose his services entirely is wasteful, especially in a time of labor shortage. On the other hand, experience has shown that if the worker is rehired and aggravates his heart condition, the courts are likely to hold the company liable for maximum claims.

There is indecision all around. But the companies, at least, generally decide against rehiring the worker in any capacity.

• Results-In the last couple of years one serious effort has been launched

to straighten out all these problems at the same time. It is the Work Classification Clinic of the Cleveland Area Heart Society. On the first scattering returns, it's a huge success: 205 workers—80% of all clinic patients—have been returned to jobs, and not one of them has had to receive industrial compensation since.

What's more, the clinic's reports are accepted as gospel by family and plant doctors, management, unions, and the heart victims themselves.

• Thorough—Probable secret of the success is the thorough-going approach the clinic uses.

Most cardiac cases are referred to the clinic by family or plant doctors. First step is an extensive examination, done by the clinic's volunteer cardiologists. The tests include delving into the patient's medical history, fluoroscopic examinations of the chest, electrocardiograms and exercise-tolerance tests.

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disease, and especially whether his fears and worries are actually aggravating his condition.

Finally, a vocational counselor steps in. The job expert checks the requirements of the patient's old job with his present ability to work. If the old job is too tough, the counselor suggests more suitable work, with advice on how to learn the new skills.

• Discussion—When all interviews and examinations are finished, the clinic holds a round-table discussion of the case. When a decision has been reached, it is reported to the doctor who originally sent in the case. From then on, it's entirely up to employer and worker.

The clinic got started in 1949, on a \$5,000 grant from Republic Steel. Since then, the Heart Society has picked up the tab. Last year cost ran to around \$5,000; the 1952 budget calls for \$6,140. All of the clinic's services are free. Dr. Herman K. Hellerstein, a youthful cardiologist, is boss of its modest quarters. Mostly, it confines its attentions to workers with 10 to 25 years' experience on a job, people too valuable to be lost to industry.

• New Approach—Of course, there's nothing new about organized efforts to rehabilitate heart cases or other handicapped workers. Plant doctors, especially, have long been active in the work. Generally, their efforts have been to find out what capacities the worker has lost.

Right there is where the Cleveland clinic brings in a new technique. It wants to know: What capacities does the worker still have, and who has an open job to fit the capabilities?

Along these lines, the clinic dovetails nicely with Thompson Products main plant, which operates one of the most up-to-date of the job classification systems now springing up around the country. Dr. Don Kelly, plant doctor for the big Cleveland maker of bolts and valves, is an enthusiastic backer of the clinic. He rates it as a top factor in his own program, which has put 212 heart cases to work with complete success. Plant doctors handle the milder cases, but the tough ones are referred to the clinic.

• Success Story—The clinic thinks its heart method is bound to spread. It points to the estimated 10-million heart cripples that the American Heart Assn. says are living in the United States today. It's going to save an awful lot of money—and heartache—if the maximum number of them can be put back to



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The last two sentences above are not only inaccurate, but are unfair to commercial finance companies. As a matter of fact, a number of small and medium-sized concerns have been doing business with commercial finance companies and factors for many years. The fact that the gigantic textile industry is financed to a very large extent by factors and commercial finance companies is proof that such financing is far from "last resort" financing.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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• BUSINESS WEEK feels its reporting was accurate as the article was based on the November issue of the Survey of Current Business put out by the Commerce Dept. Both the classification of finance companies as small loan companies and the terminology "last resort" were Commerce's.

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Government departments have used up two of their four downs in their long scrimmage against the L. A. Beeghly Foundation, an educational and religious trust, of Youngstown, Ohio. This week the foundation was waiting for the government to get its third play rolling. It's been an eightyear battle so far, first over patents, later over a court-impounded \$10-million royalty fund that neither side has vet had more than a smell of.

Another strange element of the case: The patents on which the royalties were collected-the Steckel process for coldrolling strip steel-expired more than four years ago. The \$10-million royalty fund makes up the entire resources of the foundation. And it's growing at the rate of about \$1,650 a day, drawing 6% interest from the government as long as the litigation continues.

· Steckel Patents-The Beeghly Foundation inherited the patent interests and the royalties back in 1945, when Abram P. Steckel's Cold Metal Process Co. suddenly dissolved. The company had had a stormy career as owner and licenser of the Steckel patents.

Steckel, Howard S. Lamb, Leon A. Beeghly, and other Youngstown men formed Cold Metal Process Co. to patent and promote the Steckel process. Patents were issued in 1930, seven years after the first application. Then came the problem of collecting rovalties from the steel companies that used the process. Of the 20 or so licenses, more than half decided to put up a court fight.

In 1940 Cold Metal won a \$4-million cash settlement from U.S. Steel, and other companies defending patent infringement suits began to swing into line. Some suits are still pending to this day, however.

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the early '40s that, one year, it paid \$750 dividends on a share of stock that had been peddled at \$50. But the clouds were gathering. In 1943 the Justice Dept. filed a civil fraud suit against the company, claiming misrepresentation in gaining the patents. Royalty money was then impounded by a federal court.

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"... The way \$9-million was shifted to a taxfree foundation stirred up the tax collectors . . ."

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held a hasty meeting and voted to dissolve the corporation as of that day. By that time, all the stock was in the hand of the Beeghly Foundation, which had paid \$11-million for it. With dissolution of the company, the patents and other assets reverted to the Beeghly Foundation.

By prearrangement with a Columbus attorney, papers of dissolution of Cold Metal Process Co. were filed at the Secretary of State's office the same day -public offices were normally closed at noon on Saturday. And a few hours later six steel companies deposited about \$9-million in royalty settlements.

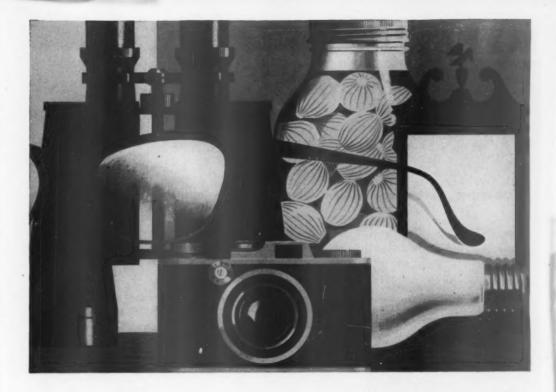
Since the corporation was now out of existence, the \$9-million was placed with the court registry for later determination of ownership, presumably now in the hands of the foundation. It is this fund that has grown past

the \$10-million mark. · Tax Collectors Aroused-The succession of events shifting the \$9-million from the taxable corporation to the taxfree foundation stirred up the tax collectors. The Bureau of Internal Revenue started a suit for 1945 taxes. Last month Judge Arnold Raum of Massachusetts, sitting in the federal court of tax appeals in Cleveland, threw out the government's claim on the ground that Cold Metal didn't receive the money that year.

The next step is the Treasury Dept.'s suit for 1949 taxes on the fund. After that, there'll probably be another suit for taxes on the interest the fund has been earning all these years.

· Patent Upheld-Meanwhile, the civil fraud suit on the patents had gone all the way to the Supreme Court (BW-May29'48,p26), with the patent holders victorious. That clears the way, after the tax suits are settled, for the Beeghly Foundation to collect not only the impounded fund, but also the royalties tied up in several patent infringement suits that are still on court calendars. How the foundation would use the money is not known.

• New Company-While Cold Metal Process Co. is defunct, many of the same men that guided it in its prime are active in another company-the Cold Metal Products Co. The new company, not related to the Beeghly Foundation, has patented a new cold-rolled steel strip process and is making the rolling mills. It's now in process of expanding from its present Youngstown plant to a new 40-acre site at Indianapolis.



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Hercules-From Gunpowder to Phenol

Hercules Powder Co. this week announced a new venture that will do a lot to widen its already comfortable place in the chemical industry. It will build a new \$8-million plant, it said, to produce phenol by a process it has discovered.

• Essential Chemical—Phenol is a chemical so vital to the defense effort that NPA rates the over-all phenol program near the top of its essential list. Up to now phenol could be made only by using either sulfur or chlorine, both among the tightest commodities of all. Hercules can make it without using either.

Hercules says that its new plant will also be able to make paracresol and acctone, also two vital chemicals. In fact, the same plant can produce all three chemicals at once in equal quantities, or produce more of one than the other if necessary. Probably, it will produce more phenol for the moment, since that is in the shortest supply.

 Uses—Phenol finds its biggest use in synthetic resins for phenolic plastics, is also important in the manufacture of varnishes, enamels, and pharmaceuticals.
 Paracresol goes into such things as insulating compounds, electrical panel boards, and dyes. Acetone is a versatile and important industrial solvent and chemical intermediate. (A side product of the new process is cymene alcohols, widely used in flotation and as wetting agents.)

All this is a brand-new field of chemistry for Hercules. But ventures into unknown territory have marked the history of Hercules during its nearly 40 years of existence. It started out in 1913 in an extremely narrow field-making explosives. That year it chalked up \$7-million in sales. By last year experimentation and diversification had made it one of the top U.S. chemical companies. From its headquarters in Wilmington, Del., it operates 25 plants throughout the U.S. Sales have risen to 30 times those in its first year—to an estimated \$215-million in 1951.

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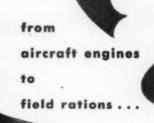
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an antitrust decree.) Almost immediately, it got into large-scale production of military explosives for the Allies.

The end of the war left Hercules with little or no market for its smokeless powder. But the stalemate didn't last long: Hercules put its nitrocellulose capacity to work manufacturing supplies for producers of photographic film, plastics, and lacquers.

• Naval Stores—But this still left a pretty narrow field of operation. In 1919 Hercules formed an industrial research department to find out where it might go into new chemical fields. Within a year the company was in the business of producing naval stores. (Naval stores are turpentine, rosin, and pine oil; they get the name from the fact that for centuries their main use was for caulking ships.)

Hercules venture into this field was pioneering from two standpoints: (1) It marked a radical departure from its previous chemical experience; and (2) the method of producing naval stores that Hercules adapted was practically unknown at the time. Up to then, the method used to get naval stores had been to tap the longleaf southern pine trees for their gum. Hercules entered the field by taking the naval stores from

the wood itself.

 Advantages—This process has several advantages over the gum method. For one thing, it made use of the otherwise worthless stumps of the longleaf southern pine. For another, the long taproot of the stump turned out to be a wealthy storehouse of chemicals of all kinds.

To do this new job, Hercules built a steam-distillation plant at Hattiesburg, Miss., in 1920. Almost at once it became a leading producer of naval stores and other chemicals from this source, and has been so ever since.

 A Step Forward—Now, says Hercules, it makes a host of derivatives that overshadow in importance the original trio that once were the whole of its navalstores production. The main derivatives are terpene and rosin chemicals used in insecticides, textiles, paints, varnishes, lacquers, paper, mining, metal, rubber, and many other products and processes.

It was this kind of broadening development that led Hercules to its latest venture—the new process to make phenol without using either chlorine

or sulfur.

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It discovered that if it added oxygen to some of the hydrocarbon byproducts of its naval stores operation, the result was a product of the pine-oil type. And such a product had a wide market in the flotation process used to separate minerals from ores. This development aroused Hercules' interest in the potentialities of oxidation processes along other lines. That interest—and continued research—was what led to its de-



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velopment of the new phenol process.

But Hercules discovered that process almost too late. When it filed its patent applications, it learned that Distillers Co., Ltd., working independently in England, had developed the same process. Hercules moved fast, acquired the U.S. patents and patent applications of Distillers. Then B. A. Shawinigan, Ltd., was licensed to use the process. Shawinigan will build a phenol and acctone plant in Montreal to supply the Canadian market.

 Nearby Sources—Hercules' own plant will go up on the Delaware River, near Wilmington, because it will be able to get both propylene and benzene from petroleum refineries or coke ovens in the area. Terpenes, raw materials for the new process, will come from the Hercules naval-stores operations.

II. A Guiding Hand

No one man can claim credit for Hercules' expansion from a narrow field into the broad spectrum of chemistry. But the guiding hand behind it has been that of Charles A. Higgins, 63, president of the company since 1939 and chairman of its board since 1944. British born, Higgins joined the company in 1915 as an explosives chemist. After World War I he was one of the large corps of skilled chemists and chemical engineers who worked on the developments that led the company into diversified chemical manufacturing.

• The Quiet Life—Higgins doesn't like the limelight, lives quietly with his wife on a farm 15 miles from Wilmington. His main interest is in his prize Guernsey cattle. But he spends a lot of time on the job, particularly visiting the company's 25 plants. For these visits, Higgins uses one of Hercules' two DC-3s.

Higgins is particularly pleased with the new phenol process. He says: "It follows a Hercules policy of sticking close to profit-producing fields of endeavor until research has the time to forge strong links with new raw materials and wider markets."

Stainless Supply Eases Up

U. S. Steel, with unexpected surplus of chrome stainless, tries to sell it to industrial builders. Salesmen say that, long-range, it's cheap and easy to maintain.

U.S. Steel is driving hard on a new market-development program—and the product seeking a market is, of all things, stainless steel. It's no "when-we-can-serve-you-manana" push, either; Big Steel wants to move the stainless right now. That's a pretty startling reversal for a time when demand for stainless was expected to hit a peak.

Civilian cutbacks have been the biggest factor in giving many stainless producers some capacity to sell. Big Steel, at least, has been telling the customers about it through ads in building and construction papers. The ads emphasize that stainless is "available now" for "current projects." The competition is selling hard, too, U.S. Steel salesmen admit.

• No Nickel-What they're all selling, to be sure, isn't the "18-and-8" grade of chromium-nickel stainless that has been the trade's most popular item for years. You can't buy that today except for highly rated defense programs. There isn't even very much of it being made; nickel is entirely too scarce and too vital for other alloys.

Actually, the stainless that's being peddled today is an improved descendant of the first type of stainless ever known—a straight chromium type. No one, least of all the steelmakers, argues that this is the same plush item as 18-and-8. It's harder to work, fabri-

cators know less about handling it. But Pittsburgh is full of steel men who argue that it is a pretty smart buy.

• Skyscrapers—Perhaps their most persuasive arguments for 17% chrome stainless—Type 430 is its American Iron & Steel Institute designation—are the three stainless-clad skyscrapers—the first of a planned eight—that Equitable Life Assurance Society is erecting at the foot of Pittsburgh's Golden Triangle. Five steelmakers—Allegheny-Ludlum, Armco, Crucible, Republic, and U.S. Steel—supplied the 250 tons of sheets that make up the skin of Equitable's \$70-million investment.

The trade says nobody, least of all a life insurance company, would sink that kind of money on a material about which he had any doubts.

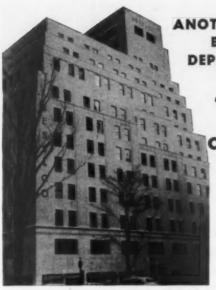
• For Industry—Skyscrapers aren't the main target of the selling efforts, though. The object is to sell stainless for covering powerplants, hangars, boiler shops, and industrial structure of all kinds. That type of job can be sure of a DPA allocation.

Here's what the steel people claim for chrome stainless.

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Only in private will stainless salesmen compare Type 430 with two other competitors—vitreous enameled steel panels and aluminum. For one thing, all but one of the stainless producers also make steel for vitreous enamel panels. For another, no one knows what aluminum and steel building panels can do in competition with each other.

• Competition—They haven't competed because, heretofore, neither aluminum nor stainless could compete with masonry, or black steel, or galvanized. That's no longer necessarily true. Here's what U.S. steel says about Type 430 and a companion type, 12% straight stainless:

Either aluminum or stainless will pay for itself "shortly after the first replacement of carbon steel (black or galvanized) in industrial atmospheres."

Final costs after 40 years find supergalvanized hitting 130% of chrome stainless, black steel reaching 150%. That includes a compound interest offset for the higher capital cost charged against stainless.

Labor costs provide the basis for such claims—labor for construction, reconstruction, maintenance, painting, and bricklaving.

• First Cost—Even on the basis of first cost, some startling claims are made. Using the cost of conventional masonry as the index value 100, you get these comparisons, based on recent Pittsburgh bid prices:

Type 430 stainless varies from 132 against masonry's low bid to 123 against the high bid. Aluminum ranges from 98 to 100; supergalvanized is 90; galvanized varies from 67 to 96.

All these figures are based on masonry costs for the first 20 ft. of height. As walls get higher, the edge for other materials becomes greater.

Some steel men get quite lyrical about chrome stainless, but others doubt that it will get the play when and if 18-and-8 comes back on the market. They cite these differences:

• Type 430 is somewhat more difficult to work, has a tendency to wrinkle in some tempers, is harder to polish. On the other hand its lower tensile strength and lesser work-hardening can be an advantage.

• Fabricators have had more experience with 18-and-8.

The industry is trying to bridge these gaps. One steelmaker says: "Everybody's trying to develop a stainless that will exceed 18-and-8 without using any nickel at all. We've come so close it's amazing—with 21% chrome and titanium."





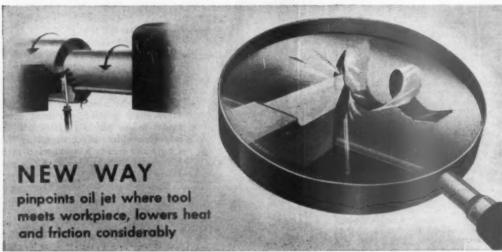
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That's how production men felt this week in Detroit, at the annual meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers. The gimmick is a new cooling method for machining operations; it promises

to double, possibly quadruple the productivity of machine tools.

• Thin Jet—The process came from the Gulf Research & Development Co., the invention of Gulf's engineering division director, R. J. S. Pigott. It's different from conventional cooling in two ways:

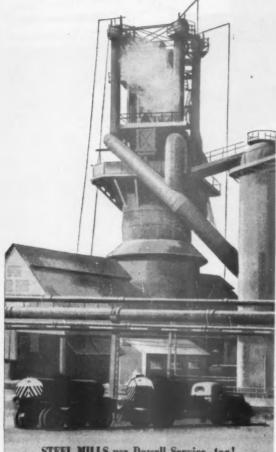
(1) The work piece is no longer inundated with cutting oil; instead a jet about half the thickness of the lead in a pencil is squirted at the machining point. (2) The squirt comes from below the cutting tool instead of from overhead.

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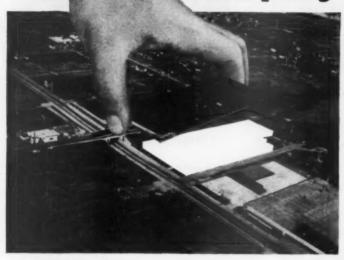
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life will be extended three to 12 times. That means less down time on machines to replace tools and less tool sharpening. In fact, with the new cooling system, high-speed steel cutting tools can last as long as the more expensive carbide tools.

 One machining step can suffice on many jobs instead of a roughing operation followed by a finishing cut. That's because the new method produces smoother machined surface finishes.

 It takes about one-twentieth the amount of coolant needed before. Instead of flooding oil all over the work, it pinpoints just enough just where it does the most good.

 Tough-to-machine metals like titanium and stainless steel succumb more easily to cutting tools with the new cooling treatment.

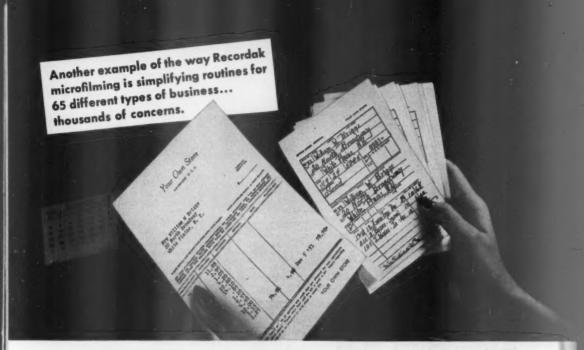
• Splash Method—All this is made possible by changing the way of applying the cutting oil or coolant on the work piece and cutting tool. For years now the metal cutting industry has stuck to one way of cooling the tool. The liquid is splashed onto the chip or metal shaving being cut off by the tool. But the chip, which is above the tool, keeps the coolant from the spot where it is most needed—the point of contact between the tool and the work piece (picture, page 74).

That means that the heat generated at the critical surface isn't properly quenched. Yet the need for quenching is the reason a liquid is used in the first place. And the surface of the tool over which the chip slides doesn't get much lubrication either. From this friction comes more heat buildup.

The heat is ruinous to the tool. And it welds tiny metal slivers to the tool, so that the cutter begins to machine rougher surfaces and soon has to be replaced and resharpened.

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". . . he noticed that the work piece surface looked bone dry and shiny . . ."

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ments showed that the force needed to feed the cutting tool into the work piece was reduced by some 33% with et cooling. Cutting edge temperatures dropped from 900F to 800F.

Pigott says you can see that more heat is being taken away because much more vapor forms, which means more of the oil is being boiled off. To keep the smoke from bothering the operator, Pigott came up with a neat contraption that shoots a circular curtain of oil from above and below the machining point. This oil shield both contains and dissolves the vapor.

· License-Thompson Products, Inc., of Cleveland, has also been working with Hi-Jet and will build the equipment under Gulf license. Thompson found it was running behind schedule in machining valves of Inconel (a tough, highly resistant steel) for plane engines. It just didn't have enough machines. By switching to jet cooling, the company not only caught up with its production timetable, but was able to take several machines off the line for other work. Cutting tool life went up 25 to 30 times.

Others installing Hi-Jet are Carnegie-Illinois, Westinghouse, Warner & Swasey, International Harvester, and

Cadillac's Cleveland tank plant.
• Equipment and Oil—The Hi-Jet package is a two-part deal-the equipment and a special cutting oil. Gulf says the equipment-consisting of the jet nozzles, flexible tubing, and a pump—will cost about 3% of the price of the machine tool. For a \$10,000 lathe, a Hi-Jet installation will run about

By midyear the equipment will be ready for distribution. The installation will have to be geared to your particular machine tool, the type of metal you are cutting, the machining speeds used, and the type of cutting tool.

• Lubricant-The Hi-Jet cutting oil compounded by Gulf is said to be a triple-purpose lubricant. It is specially suited to machining, can be used to lubricate the machine tool itself, and serves as a hydraulic fluid for actuating machine controls.

Inventor Pigott, currently president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, says he accidentally stumbled onto the cooling idea. In checking some machining tests in the Gulf research shops, he noticed that the work piece surface looked bone dry and shiny as it came away from the cutting tool. That got him thinking that maybe



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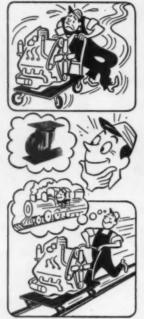


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the flood of cutting oil wasn't getting to the right place at all. So he reversed the arrangement and tried cooling from below instead of from above. Eventually, he came up with Hi-Jet.

When Pigott showed his development to Charles Kettering, the dean of automotive engineers, and asked him why in 75 years nobody ever thought of doing it, Kettering came up with a classic reply. "It's the obscurity of the obvious," said Boss Ket. "And that's why observation is one of the keys to

Stuck for Copper Substitute

Auto makers don't see much chance of stretching their next allotment of copper for more than 800,000 cars, may not be able to use the larger steel quota NPA gave them.

Last week the National Production Authority threw a challenge at Detroit. Said NPA to the car makers: You can have enough steel in the second quarter for 900,000 cars, but enough copper for only 800,000. If you use a little ingenuity and stretch your materials, continued Washington, we'll let you make as many as 930,000 autos. · Wit's End-By and large, Detroit thinks that's about as favorable a de-cision as it could have expected in the battle over second-quarter allotments (BW-Jan.12'52,p140). But the auto makers aren't optimistic about breaking the copper bottleneck. Detroit has just about run out of ingenuity in squeezing copper out of an auto

It looks now as if the true production ceiling for the second quarter will be nearer 800,000 units-for at least

three reasons:

· Bulk of the copper that goes into a car is concentrated in the radiator. Steel and aluminum radiators are not in the cards for a long time yet.

· Auto electrical equipment, which contains nearly all the rest of the copper in a car, is already the product of austerity designing. There's little left to squeeze out here.

· Industry talk has it that Detroit is not particularly eager to make more than 800,000 cars. It expects to have to push hard to sell even that many in

the second quarter.

· The Possibilities-If the auto maker could get around copper in a car radiator, the red metal no longer would be a millstone around his neck. Of about 42 lb. of copper that goes into an auto, the cooling system eats up some 30 lb. General Motors tried coated steel for part of the radiators in its cars late last ear. The substitution looked fine in lab and road tests, but when these cars got into customers' hands the radiators didn't stand up. It's costing GM more than \$10-million to replace them.

Aluminum looks good (BW-Oct.13 '51,p52). But production and service obstacles retard its use in radiators. Just about all the auto and radiator companies have experimental cars running

with aluminum radiators. There are still a few bugs to get rid of, and after that it'll take a while to tool up for their manufacture. Aluminum units can't be fabricated in the same way and with the same equipment as copper

Then, too, auto men are worried about what would happen to aluminum radiators in service. If water added to the cooling system has too high an alkaline content, it will corrode the aluminum. Another problem: repairing leaky aluminum radiators. They can't be soldered, so it looks as if a plastic repair patch would have to be made.

· Bare Bone-You might say that since Detroit is stuck with copper radiators, it might skimp a little on the copper. That's just what it's doing now. But they can't go too far in that direction because engines are getting more powerful. That calls for a bigger cooling job.

Copper-clad steel might save some copper, but there isn't enough around to begin with-and production capacity for the stuff is low. And in the light of GM's experience with steel, other

makers are a little leery.

· Not Enough-The auto manufacturer is not going to get that 100,000 additional cars out of electrical copper either. To do this, the copper going into eight cars would have to be stretched to do for nine. So, instead of using, say, 42 lb. per car, they would have to get by with 37.3'lb. Assuming there are roughly 12 lb. of copper in car electrical equipment to begin with, that 4.7-lb. saving needed would represent a 39% slice. It just isn't there.

Already car makers have cut down on the gauge of wire for the lighting system. They're using thinner wire for the windings of starter motors. Even brass parts have come off the

About all that could be done is to take some of the electrical accessories off the car, such as clocks and back-up lights. But sales departments don't like that because there's a nice profit percentagewise in these gadgets. Besides, the economy from that source would still fall far short of the goal.



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Neoprene at Sea

Coating the synthetic on ships' engine parts and propellers adds to their life, cuts repairs.

Neoprene, a synthetic rubber that does many jobs when resistance to corrosion and wear is needed, has added a new customer to its list: It's now be-

ing put to use on ships.

The Marine division of Sinclair Refining Co. is coating Neoprene on ship's engine parts and propellers to increase service life and cut down on repairs. Sinclair started the project about three years ago, with the cooperation of Gates Engineering Co., New Castle (Del.) supplier of the synthetic, which buys its raw materials from du Pont. But the two concerns aren't the only ones doing it. Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. and the Navy's Bureau of Ships are also using Neoprene to keep new parts new in their overhaul work.

• Easy Does It—One of the advantages of Neoprene is that it's fairly simple to apply. You brush it on like paint then

of Neoprene is that it's fairly simple to apply. You brush it on like paint, then cure it either by air or heat. Sinclair's engineers generally prefer the air curing method. It's a must for parts that can't be removed from the ship. But unless you give it enough curing time, the coating is likely to chip later.

For removable parts heat curing is the standard method. The heat makes a coating that is nearly permanent. If it wears away, it does so in small flakes that flow through pipes and valves

without clogging.

• There's a Limit—So far most of the Neoprene applications have been made on engine and boiler parts, which are attacked by sea water, abrasive grit, and polluted harbor waste. Without a protective finish many large, costly parts last only six or eight years, require replacement or reconditioning three or four times during a vessel's lifetime.

There is a limit to Neoprene's applications on a ship, though. It can't be used on a tanker's cargo pipes, for instance. That's because an aromatic such as benzene or toluene might dissolve the Neoprene and carry some of

the coating away with it.

• Proof Positive—Sinclair's latest applications have been on ships' propellers. Sea water corrosion gradually ruins a prop. It increases friction, diminishes the blade area, and deforms the prop's carefully designed shape. Eventually, a ship loses speed and burns more fuel.

On one ship on which Neoprene was used, the coating even improved the original performance of the propeller. By cutting down friction, the Neoprene boosted the speed by a little over 2%.





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Packaged Quality Control for Paper

Statistical service for paper makers is set up. Company concentrates on consumer angles and salvaging rejects.

Statistical quality control (BW-Jun.30'51,p45) is one of the most effective management tools to come along in recent years. But while it has caught like wildfire in some industries, it has failed so far to break into others.

If you're a mass-production manufacturer, you probably supply your customers with a statistical report on the quality of their order. By gauging the tolerance limits of your machines, measuring the particular jobs done by individual equipment, and applying statistical methods, you can get a reliable graphic picture of the quality of your output.

 Craftsmanship—But if your product needs craftsmanship, you'll find it hard to give a picture of the tailor-made work in cold figures. In some industries there is no way of getting over that hurdle. In others, the statistical experts are figuring out new ways to apply quality controls.

One group that has been slow to swing to statistical methods is the paper makers. Although they are mass producers, paper makers also consider themselves craftsmen. Some big producers have taken on quality control for competitive reasons. But most still prefer to rely on the art rather than the statistics of their industry to check their quality.

Now an outside company is trying to fill this gap. Paper Quality Control, Inc., Chappaqua, N. Y., has gone into the business of providing the paper consumer with a packaged service in quality control.

The firm works on a kind of consulting basis. You send it samples of a lot of your paper, say, tearsheets from each of 30 rolls. PQC runs the lot through its laboratory, tests its characteristics, and sends back a statistical report on the quality.

• New Angles – Donald Macaulay, president of Paper Quality Control, has an unusual approach. His service aims at the consumer instead of the producer. Still another innovation: Reports from Paper Quality Control recommend that substandard lots be adapted to other uses instead of being rejected outright.

Say you're a label printer, a box maker, or a comic book publisher. You might be particular about one or all characteristics: physical, chemical, or optical. If you're a label printer you'll want a paper that has a good gloss, and one that will easily accept ink. For a box maker, strength is a major point.

Paper Quality Control will gauge these for you, either on a subscription or a one-shot basis. From its findings, you'll know what you can expect even before the paper goes through the presses—how much ink the paper is going to use, for one thing. And your pressmen can adjust their equipment accordingly.

• Ups and Downs-If you take the service from the firm continuously, you'll be able to get an even better picture of the quality of the paper. The characteristics (or the quality based on statistics) of a product never are constant even from one work shift to another. In some cases there might be wide variations among the grades of a product supplied by a manufacturer. One lot of a "C" grade can have a better quality than some lots of the better "A" and "B" grades.

If PQC works for a paper buyer on a subscription basis, it can spot these ups and downs. Knowing the variations, it can advise a customer to rearrange individual lots of paper so that the over-all quality changes only gradually. That way, a printer won't have to make major adjustments of his presses as he would if the paper quality fluctuated to extremes.

• Saving Rejects—Paper Quality Control's idea of lot adaptation is an innovation in statistical methods. Most people who are quality-control minded use statistical methods to spot substandard work to be thrown on the scrap pile. Macaulay thinks that approach is costly and wasteful, at least for paper. He feels that not all poorquality paper should be a total loss to customer or producer. Macaulay's experts will sometimes recommend that substandards lots be shelved temporarily and used later for press runs that aren't critical.

Sometimes, PQC has found, too much quality can be as uneconomical as too little.

In one case, a client wanted a paper that would give as much yardage as possible along with a low weight that would go safely through the presses. The client bought his paper from four different mills. PQC found that three mills stuck to the customer's specifications. But the fourth supplied a paper that weighed two to three points higher than the customer required.

When the mill moved the paper's weight down to the customer's specs, the customer, handling 1,200 tons per month, came out with a gain of \$7,000 worth of paper.

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The sterilizer that saved an operation

STAMPING out parts for army and navy sterilizers created a serious problem for one manufacturer. Where brass had formerly been used in civilian models, War Department specifications called for stainless steel. And the dies that had been okay for brass had a tendency to stick to stainless steel, causing the punched holes to be ragged. That meant the sterilizer had to go through an extra polishing operation.

In addition, the dies were continually in the repair shop. They became worn after only a few hundred stampings. And the punches started to chip and crack.

A new steel was needed for the dies that

would combine high wear resistance with non-seizing properties. But where was it to be found? The manufacturer turned to the metallurgists of The Timken Roller Bearing Company for help. After study, they recommended Graph-Mo—one of the four graphitic tool steels developed by The Timken Company.

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Porous Steel

New process turns out parts with any desired density from 92 lb. to 453 lb. per cubic

When a manufacturer wants a metal part at minimum cost, he normally thinks first of cast iron. One of these days though, he may be able to beat even cast iron on price. That's what Ontario Research Foundation says will happen when its new lightweight steel process, now in pilot-plant experimentation, gets into production.

ORF's trick is a neat one. It simply varies the weight of the metal by getting any desired degree of porosity. If a lightweight metal is wanted, the product is given a large number of pores, or air holes. For a heavier metal, the material is simply made more dense. In this way, a part made of lightweight steel uses a smaller amount of metal than the same part made of cast ironthus allowing the steel to compete pricewise with the iron.

· Featherweight-Such lightweight steel can be made as light as plastics and wood, or even magnesium and aluminum. In fact, wood screws can be driven through the stuff, and it can be cut with ordinary woodworking tools.

Ordinary steel weighs about 490 lb. per cubic foot. By controlling the density of its steel, ORF can produce a material that weighs from 92.5 lb to 453 lb. per cubic foot. Aluminum weighs 163 lb. per cubic foot, magnesium, 109 lb.

· How It's Done-The process that achieves these steels is really a variation of metal casting. Instead of pouring a molten metal into a mold, ORF begins a step further back in the production process-at the stage where the metal is still in the form of ore.

First impurities like silica are removed from the ore, leaving only pure iron oxide. The ore particles are ground

down to a fine size.

Then the ore is poured into porous molds, and ore and molds are placed in a ceramic crock, which is then filled with coke and limestone. The crock is put in a furnace and kept at a temperature of 2,000F for several hours. Out comes a part with a cellular structure. It's full of small holes-each hole separated from its neighbor.

P. E. Cavanaugh, ORF scientist who helped develop the process, says he controls density of the steel by controlling ore particle size, furnace temperature, and length of exposure in the furnace.

• Balance Sheet-The method is really

a first cousin of the powdered metal technique. It's cheaper because the briquetting of the part-pressing the

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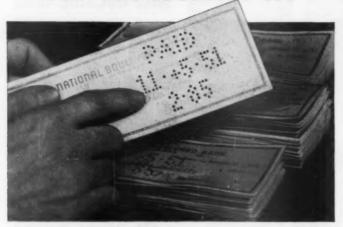
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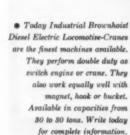
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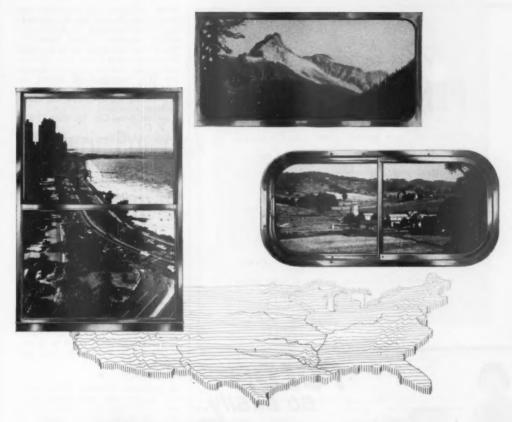
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That political maxim—more often forgotten than remembered—just about sums up what General Eisenhower said in Paris last week when he broke the long silence on his political intentions. He made it clear he would accept the Republican nomination for the Presidency if it were offered to him, but he wouldn't fight for it.

The news from Paris gave Eisenhower's boosters a real lift, but it leaves them with a tough job: to bring off a successful draft without help from the candidate. Answering the question:

"Where does Eisenhower stand?" will be a big part of the task faced by Eisenhower's manager, Sen. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., in rounding up delegates.

• Out of Uniform—Actually, Lodge has a good deal of material to work with. Although the general has not pulled his ideas together in a book, as Sen. Taft has (BW—Nov.17'51,p80), he has spoken out on public issues more than any other military man in this country today. That's largely due to his having been out of uniform for two years as president of Columbia University.

A canvass of 85 books, speeches, in-

terviews, statements, and official letters shows that Eisenhower is:

 Somewhat right of center on matters of domestic policy-closer to Taft than to Dewey.

 Strongly internationalist in foreign policy. On foreign affairs he is squarely with the Dewey-Lodge-Duff-Warren wing of his party, as against the Taft wing.

I. His Background

Eisenhower's personal political philosophy clearly reflects his upbringing in a rural Kansas community. It shows through time and time again. For example, at a civic reception in St. Louis in 1947, he said:

"On the solid foundation of human rights established by our forefathers has been built a mighty structure which stands before the world as a stronghold of freedom and democracy. Its girders are pioneer traits of initiative, resource-fulness, self reliance, and pride in achievement."

Because of his belief in these "pioneer traits" he has severely criticized the idea that security for the individual in a democracy can be assured by the state. This is what he told the St. Andrew Society dinner in New York City in 1949: "We seek an illusory thing called 'se-

"We seek an illusory thing called 'security' . . . I do not believe that security, in the sense that we may live in slothful indolence and ease and stagnation, can ever be achieved, unless we do it, gentlemen, as slaves of someone who directs us . . ."

Eisenhower went on to deliver his famous "beer and hot dogs" remark, which has been the object of considerable attack. In discussing the emphasis on security through governmental policy, he said:

"Possibly we have become too regardful of things we call luxuries. Possibly we like to wear 'fried' shirts too well—I don't know. Maybe we like caviar and champagne when we ought to be out working on beer and hot dogs. Whatever it is, the thing that has happened to us, gentlemen, is of the spirit."

Eisenhower's discussion of domestic policy has of necessity been general. Seldom has he dealt with an issue in terms of a specific bill before Congress. His remarks are more in the nature of yardsticks against which his position in the range of current political opinion can be measured. They point pretty plainly in an anti-New Deal or anti-Fair Deal direction.

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II. Centralization Peril

A strong fear of increased centralization dominates Eisenhower's discussion of the role of government in our society as indicated by this theme from his inaugural address at Columbia in 1948:

The concentration of too much power in centralized government need not be the result of violent revolution or great upheaval. A paternalistic government can gradually destroy by suffocation in the immediate advantage of subsidy the will of the people to maintain a high degree of individual responsibility."

These ideas have a corollary in his stress on the free enterprise system. To him "there can be no democracy without free enterprise." In St. Louis in 1949, he said:

"Our freedom from degrading pauperism is due to America's deep-seated sense of fair play translated into adequate law; to American industrial initiative and courage; to the genius of the American scientist and engineer; and to the sweat, organizing ability and the product of American labor in a competitive economy. It is not the result of political legerdemain or crackpot fantasies of reward without effort, harvests without planting."

Translating this home-rule, anticentralized government philosophy into specific cases is something Eisenhower has yet to do. No one obviously could turn the clock back with respect to social and economic legislation put on the statute books by the New Deal and the Fair Deal. But Eisenhower, if nominated and elected, can be expected to hunt solutions for social and economic problems at lower levels of government with a minimum amount of federal intervention.

III. Federal Aid

In one case, federal aid to education, Ike has gone on record. As president of Columbia University he wrote Rep. Ralph Gwinn of New York with respect to the Administration's bill:

"I am well aware that there are certain sections of this country where the tax revenue potential of each will not provide for all of the children in that area that level of education deemed generally required in discharging the duties of an enlightened electorate. In such areas I would heartily support federal aid under formulas that would permit no abuse, no direct interference of the federal authority in educational processes



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This position on education might well be the key to Eisenhower's views on other issues such as health.

His opinions on social security legislation of various sorts is not on the record in any such clear form as that on education. In his New York Herald Tribune Forum speech in 1949 Eisenhower spoke of the government's responsibility to help meet the unavoidable "shocks and privations" of our complex industrial society. But he also shows considerable concern about picking what he regards as the right methods. It seems to be a question of means as well as ends. This is what he said:

"As we strive to devise measures intended to lessen the shocks and privations incident to old age, to sickness, to unemployment, to natural disaster, let us choose among the several proposals that which best protects our heritage of freedom."

IV. Civil Rights

In his speeches Eisenhower has dealt often with the issue of civil rights, although his position on a specific matter such as FEPC remains to be disclosed. In his United Jewish Appeal address of 1947 in Washington he stated:

"Every person everywhere who holds in his heart a respect for human values and who venerates right and justice will wish you well and will draw from your success renewed inspiration in the fight to insure that the humblest and the weakest may forever stand in confidence and equality in the presence of the proudest and the strongest."

In reply to a request about Negro troops under his command in World War II, the General replied:

"To start with I would like to say this: that I do not differentiate among soldiers. I do not say white soldiers or Negro soldiers, and I do not say American or British soldiers."

V. Collective Bargaining

On the subject of labor Eisenhower has commented many times, most notably at the CIO convention in Atlantic City in 1946 and at the American Bar Association convention in St. Louis in 1949. To the CIO he said:

"There is no need for me to expound upon the importance of American labor to our position before the world. Nor need I extol the benefits that have been brought to the American working people during recent decades by labor organizations. Men of my generation, familiar in their youth with the specter of



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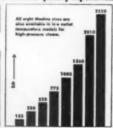
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insecurity that haunted many a family whose meager shelter and clothing and food depended on the father's prolonged hours of toil and sometimes miserably small pay, are living witnesses as to what has been accomplished. My own work week during the year before I entered the Army in 1911 was 84 hours."

The need for labor and management to see their common interest in production to solve their own problems is a frequent Eisenhower theme.

But the way to achieve this, according to Eisenhower, is across the bargaining table, not in Washington. In his ABA speech in St. Louis he explained:

"No arbitrary or imposed device will work. Bureaucratic plans enforced on both parties by government, pave the road to despotism."

VI. Strong Internationalist

In questions of foreign policy his general views are better known. He is:

• A believer in collective security

against world communism.
 Strongly anti-isolationist.

• A supporter of the United Nations.

 Advocate of a United Europe and of a European Army.

· Against a preventive war.

• In favor of military preparedness including Universal Military Training.

Eisenhower is obviously concerned with the cost to this country of the military and economic programs now in progress to halt Communist expansion around the world. In connection with American participation in NATO, Eisenhower told the members of Congress in February, 1951:

"Our system must remain solvent as we attempt a solution of this great problem of security. Else we have lost the battle from within that we are trying to win from without. I do not believe, for example, that the United States can pick up the world on its economic, financial, and military shoulders and carry it. We must have cooperation if we are to work with other nations."

On the role of the United States in NATO, Eisenhower said in Pittsburgh in 1950:

"The large-scale permanent commitment of American troops to relatively fixed defensive positions outside the continental limits would be costly beyond military return . . . Our own job is production and the ability to move strong units and destructive power quickly over long distances."

These are the bare bones of Eisenhower's political philosophy. So far his record marks a direction rather than a series of positions on specific issues. But he has said enough to permit an expansion into a full platform that probably wouldn't be full of surprises.



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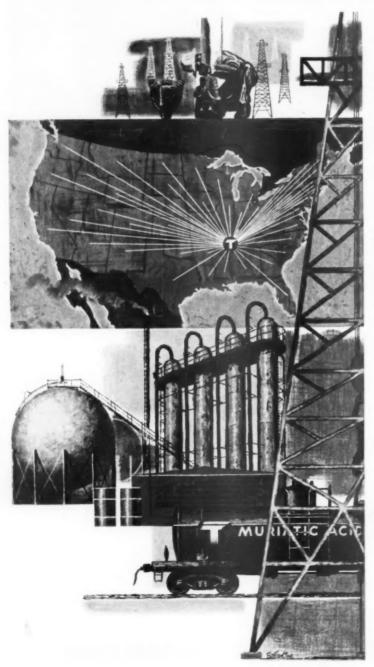
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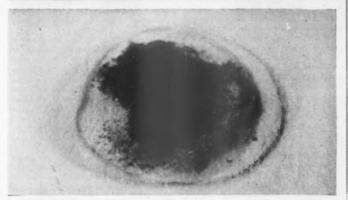


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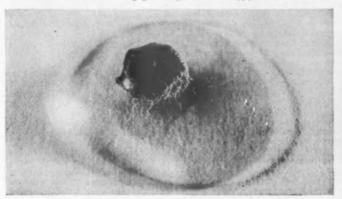
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These are only a few examples of how the chemist is helping the farmer. Even more new chemicals are being

introduced to agriculture: (1) in soil conditioning through use of both nutri-ents (fertilizers) and nonnutrients; (2) as herbicides, or weed killers; and (3) as pesticides, which are poisons used against insects and diseases.

· Soil Glue-The first field of development, and the area that may well be the most revolutionary to plant growth, is the field of soil conditioning. Fertilizers have long been used as nutrients to condition the soil and increase the vield, but Monsanto's nonnutrient may turn out to be an even greater aid. Krilium is a synthetic resin (hydrolyzed polyacrylonitrile) that acts as a sort of glue to hold the tiny particles of soil together. Monsanto says that, while Krilium isn't a fertilizer, 1 lb. of the chemical has the same impact on soil structure as 200 lb. of peat



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Actually, soil structure is the arrangement of the tiny particles of soil into what are called aggregates. In its best condition, soil should be porous and loose. It's possible to prepare soil this way mechanically, but it's almost impossible to keep it this way during and after heavy rainfall. What happens is that, after rain, soil with poor structure slakes down to a crusty smooth surface. At the same time, the smaller particles work themselves down and make it hard for air to get at the roots of the plant. Krilium corrects all this, says Monsanto, and maintains the soil structure over a long period of time, perhaps 10 times longer than with natural organic matter.

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periments show.

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· Weed Killers-Among the tried and proved chemicals, probably the most phenomenal progress has been made in the field of herbicides. Dr. Robert Salter, chief of the Dept. of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, says that developments with herbicides have "gone far beyond the imagination of the most fantastic dreamer of only 10 years ago." In 1945 herbicides were hardly used. In 1949 more than 28-million lb. of 2,4-D alone were produced. Just by destroying weeds with 2,4-D, Canadian farmers in 1949 increased wheat vield by 21-million bu. on 6-million acres. Iowans increased corn production 15%. Agriculture Dept. specialists estimate that in 1950 farmers applied herbicides to more than 30-million acres of crop land in the U.S.

Nonfarm Uses—But besides knocking the dandelions, ragweed, and crabgrass out of crop land, herbicides are

being used more and more on noncrop land. Railroad rights-of-way, power lines, transmission lines, highways, and canal ditches can all be kept clean with herbicides like 2,4-D; 2,4,5-T; TCA; chlorates; arsenicals; and boron comrounds

Coming up on the horizon are what the experts call pre-emergence herbi-These chemicals kill the weed seedling during its process of germination. The chemical is applied on the surface of the soil after the crop has been planted, but before the seedlings come up. The seedlings of some crops will grow right through the stuff, but when the broad-leaved weeds and annual grasses start up they are killed before they reach the surface. Result: not a weed in sight for several weeks after planting. Cotton growers are latching on to these pre-emergence sprays to offset the shortage of labor for handhoeing.

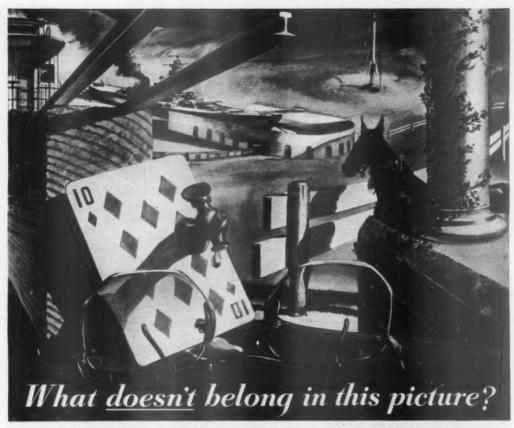
One point about herbicides, however, is that you have to be careful how you use them. Du Pont's new CMU is a good example. When used at rates of 20 lb. to 80 lb. per acre, it kills all plant life for more than a year. This is fine for railroad yards, but bad for asparagus beds. But when used at the rate of ½ lb. to 5 lb. per acre, as a pre-emergence treatment, it will kill all the weeds in the asparagus bed without harming those precious

stalks.

• Death to Bugs—Like herbicides, pesticides have to be handled carefully in order to get results. Sometimes a particular insect killer backfires. DDT, for example, does not wipe out all bugs—in fact, some bugs develop immunity to it. Another problem is that some insecticides, like some herbicides, prove poisonous to humans and animals. Compounds containing phosphorus have proved excellent killers of bugs such as aphids, where DDT is ineffective, but these compounds, unless carefully used, are poisonous to men.

However, profitable progress has been made with fungicides, a specific used to attack fungi, mildews, rusts, molds, and rots that live on or in plants. Recent discovery of complex organic materials like dithio carbamates, phenyl mercury compounds, etc., is helping to eliminate these dis-

• New Genus of Plants—The Dept. of Agriculture feels that the surface has only just been scratched in developing new compounds. Its experts say there are thousands more waiting to be tested, and many of the chemicals will be used not as insecticides alone, but to modify plant growth form and plant structure. The probability is that in the future many fertilizers will, in themselves, make plants less susceptible to insects and disease.



All but one of the objects in this picture have something in common. Norton or Behr-Manning abrasive products are vital factors in their manufacture and in their quality. Can you find the stranger?

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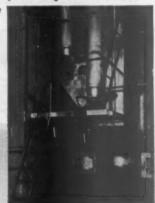
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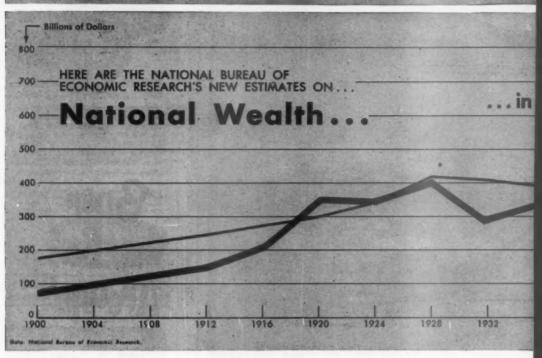


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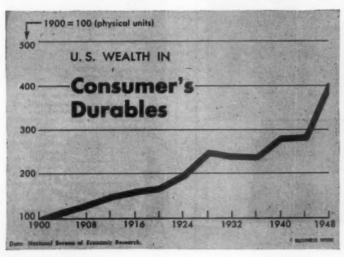


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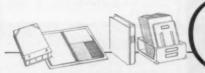




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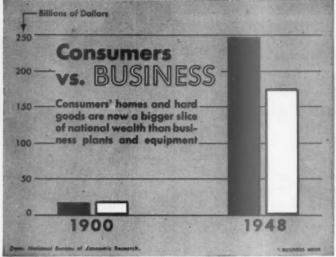
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New Owners, New Forms

About 325 years ago Peter Minuit bought Manhattan island, choicest piece of real estate in America, for \$24 worth of trinkets.

Ever since that time the U.S. has steadily—and rapidly—been getting more valuable. But by how much, and in what areas, nobody up to now has been quite sure.

In a study released by the National Bureau of Economic Research, economist Raymond W. Goldsmith makes the most detailed estimates so far of just how much the U.S. is worthnow and at four-year intervals all the way back to 1896.

• It Grew Back—In 1896, Goldsmith figures, the national wealth was \$63.8-billion. In 1948 the value had jumped to \$797-billion—12½ times as much as 52 years before. In dollar terms that's a staggering increase for only half a century. But there's one trouble: Two-thirds of the gain represents nothing more than the depreciation of the dollar.

If you shift from a changing dollar to a constant dollar, the results, while substantial, are not quite so impressive. In 1929 dollars, the jump would be from \$164.2-billion in 1896 to \$461.8-billion-less than three times as much—in 1948.

Probably the biggest contribution since 1900 to this gain in national wealth was made during the five-year period just ended: Between 1946 and 1950 the total rose about 5% a year.

• Shifting Ground—Every bit as important as the change in the total of

national wealth, however, has been the change in its composition:

• As the U.S. moved from an agricultural to an industrial economy, land became relatively less important as a form of wealth. At the beginning of the century—and even as late as 1916—land accounted for one-third of all wealth. In 1948 it was less than one-fifth

 Business wealth, which was about one-third greater than consumer wealth in 1900, was less than consumers' holdings by 1948.

• Federal, state, and local government holdings rose from 8% to around 15% of the total.

· Private net foreign investment of Americans (American holdings overseas minus foreign holdings in the U.S.) now comes to about 2% of the total. In 1900 the balance was on the foreigners' side; their investment in the U.S., minus ours overseas, was equal to about 3% of the national wealth. · What's Wealth?-In order to figure out how much the U.S. is worth, it is first necessary to determine just what is to be counted. Some things that are essentially "wealth" have to be left out because of the difficulty or sheer impossibility of collecting worth-while data. Goldsmith's figures, for that reason, do not include consumers' holdings of perishable and semidurable commodities, works of art, military assets, land improvement costs, soil depletion, or subsoil assets such as oil or coal.

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- to weather her present financial crisis, and
- (2) to avoid a chronic recurrence of such crises.

This is not a philanthropic purpose.

Britain is our staunchest ally in the free world's continuing fight for survival. She cannot perform her role effectively if she is broke, or if she careens from one financial crisis to another.

Then, too, a nation such as ours—committed to private enterprise as a way of economic life—has a special interest in helping Winston Churchill to help Britain. His administration is relatively friendly toward private enterprise. Should he fail, he would be replaced promptly by a Socialist government more hostile than ever. And that would weaken the standing of private enterprise in the free world.

Cause of the Crisis

It is the drive of the Western World under our leadership to rearm against Russian aggression that has precipitated Britain's financial crisis. It set off a scramble for raw materials from which armaments could be made, and for many other materials that might be short in the event of war. So the prices of the things that Britain must import—mostly raw materials—have been boosted more than the prices of things she can export—mostly finished products. That leaves Britain short of funds to pay for essential imports. This difficulty increases as the necessity becomes more urgent to divert industrial effort from production for export to production for security.

The Basic Trouble

Although Britain's immediate crisis was touched off by the rearmament drive of the Western World, her basic affliction is one from which she has suffered since the end of World War II. Stated in its simplest terms, Britain does not produce enough goods to pay her own way as one of the family of free nations.

For years this deficiency in home production was made up by income from shipping and overseas investment. But Britain had to sell a large part of her foreign investments to finance her heroic part in World War II. So her income from that source has been greatly reduced. And, in spite of an increase of about a third above prewar in her own production of goods and—thanks to a continued "austerity" program—a much larger increase in her exports, Britain still is not paying her own way.

Two Ways to Solvency

Britain has two ways to restore her solvency. One is to cut down on what is consumed—the belt-tightening process. The other is to step up British production.

To surmount the present crisis, Mr. Churchill has asked for some cutting down. He probably must ask for more.

Except as a stop-gap expedient, however, more cutting down of Britain's consumption is clearly a dangerous course. That would further depress a British standard of living which, not more than half as high as ours, already is too low. Politically such a course would grease the skids for Winston Churchill's administration, even now governing by a wafer-thin parliamentary margin. Also, as The (London) Economist remarks, the "lazy expedient of cutting trade" would result in "hurting other people and forcing them to take similar action"—by cutting the market for their products.

The Only Cure

The best and, in fact, the only way to help cure Britain's economic ills is to help Britain produce more. Here the technical possibilities are encouraging. On the average, the British industrial worker produces only about 40 percent as much a year as the American worker. That is a British estimate, made by Sir Ewart Smith.

Wider use of better industrial methods and modern tools and an infusion of the competitive incentive into British industry — to replace the cartel and other restrictive practices — would go a long way to narrow this wide gap in worker productivity. This is the consensus of experts on both sides of the Atlantic.

Since 1948 the Anglo-American Council on Productivity has done much to encourage output per man-hour in Britain and to foster this doctrine with both labor and management. But much yet remains to be done.

In the United States it is increasingly sug-

gested that before we give Britain any more economic aid we should insist that everything possible be done to exploit the technical possibilities of increased production. This emphasis on production is needed. But if we Americans were to impose upon the hard-pressed British people conditions that could be construed as an affront to a friendly and sovereign nation, we might well put into the hands of a masterful rabble-rouser such as Aneurin Bevan, the anti-American leader of the Labor Party's left wing, a campaign issue on which to maneuver himself into the Prime Ministership.

Churchill Can Insist

But Winston Churchill is not so handicapped as we should be in imposing prerequisites of further aid. As Britain's own, most honored leader he will raise no touchy questions as to Anglo-American relations if he insists that Britain have firm plans to cure her economic ills, plans sharply focussed on ways and means of increasing Britain's industrial efficiency.

By presenting a convincing plan to cure Britain's recurring crises through greater production, Mr. Churchill will greatly facilitate the process of getting the aid his country must have. He will also remove an increasingly dangerous element of dissension in Anglo-American relations—the feeling of many Americans that more aid to Britain is more money down the drain. The way to counter that feeling is to come up with a prescription for an economic cure, not a request for another economic poultice.

Technically, such a program is entirely feasible. It will perhaps be the supreme test of Winston Churchill's statesmanship to make it politically feasible as well.

In the interest of Britain, of the United States and of the whole free world, we wish him all success.

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At their Alpena, Michigan, mill (annual production 6,000,000 barrela), Huron-Portland Cement Company uses their high-speed, rubber-tired C Tournadozer 16 hours a day, 7 days a week, to handle coal between stockpile and mill storage bins. Job production studies covering 9 months of operation show Tournadozer easily moves mill requirements of 1,000 tons a day...is constant producer in all kinds of weather ... at 95% mechanical efficiency.

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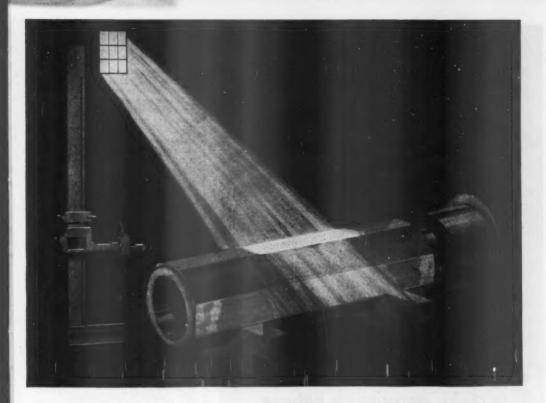
• Perpetual Inventory—The method used in arriving at wealth estimates is what Goldsmith calls the "perpetual inventory of national wealth." Basically, the procedure is to cumulate depreciated capital expenditures, for everything except land, and then adjust for changes in cost or prices. Or to put it another way: At any given date an item is worth what it cost, less the amount of depreciation and obsolescence.

Thus, when a constant depreciation rate is figured out for every item or group of items, it becomes possible to tell what that item will be worth at any stage of its life. And when dollar inflation or deflation is accounted for, it becomes possible to compare any two items in any two years.

Anything that has an average life of less than six months is disregarded in figuring out the national wealth totalbut this is a matter of convenience.

• Drawbacks—One big defect in the perpetual inventory method is the generality of the estimates. An average depreciation rate has to be figured out for an entire class of goods. For instance, commercial structures are given a constant depreciation rate of 2½% a year, highways 4%, office machinery 12½%, furnishings 10%. The difference between these assumed averages and the actual averages is a source for error.

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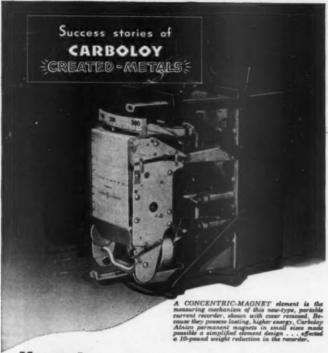
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of the dollar. Researcher Goldsmith admits that this step might involve the widest margin of error in all his complex technics. Accurate methods of adjusting prices are just impossible to get. · Land-The valuation of land is another illustration of the all but impossible task of getting accurate data and good cost and price deflators. To start with, land cannot be valued like other items-by subtracting depreciation allowances from original cost. So the estimate had to be built up by using a ratio between land and structuresthe ratio depending on the type of structure. The value of the structures was figured out by the usual method of subtracting depreciation from original cost. Then the value of the land was determined by applying the ratio. For instance, if the ratio of the value of apartment houses to the value of its land were set at 4 to 1, and if the total value of apartment houses were \$40-billion, the land under apartment houses would be worth \$10-billion.

The estimates on vacant lots and public lands such as forests—where there are no structures to gauge the land by—are little better than guesses. For this and other reasons, the year-by-year figures jiggle up and down considerably, even after the land values are put on a constant dollar basis. In 1929 dollars, land goes from \$64.7-billion in 1900 to \$106.9-billion in 1928, then to \$78.6-billion in 1948. And the U.S. had the same amount of land throughout.

• Gold and Silver—The inclusion of monetary gold and silver as a form of national wealth (table, page 120) might not seem realistic to some people. Technically, the only value of the monetary metals is that it is a claim against goods. The intrinsic value is far less than the monetary value. And the concept of "national wealth" is in real terms—that is in actual economic goods.

But despite the big problems in totting up the worth of the U.S., the National Bureau's study is a large step forward.

• What It's Worth—These figures are the first step in filling a huge gap in economic knowledge—the question of who owns what and how much it's worth. To put it another way: This is a first stab at a balance sheet to set beside the flow of figures on national income.

Currently, we have detailed figures on total national income and fairly detailed figures as to who receives it-farmers, businessmen, industrial workers, and other groups. Goldsmith's figures give us the first outlines of the matching picture of how accumulated wealth is divided. They're still largely of academic interest—but they may be the foundation on which economists will put together better tools for forecasting.

TAXES

Inventions Pay

If you're in a high tax bracket, you can back an inventor without much risk—or too much tax.

The annals of U.S. industry are dotted with cases where inventors made rich strikes. Backers of the inventors have sometimes shared in the good fortune; sometimes they've given up too soon. Anyway, Congress recognizes the value of the Edisons and the Goodyears—and their backers. The tax laws give them definite advantages.

As a result, it doesn't cost too great a share of your income to be an angel for an inventor. And if you play it right, the returns won't be so heavily

taxed, either.

 For Instance—Take a simple case. Joe Doakes comes to you with an idea about a time-saving piece of machinery. He wants to build a model, experiment with it, improve it. But he needs money; you provide it in return for an interest in his invention.

Here's how you can get two irreaks from a tax standpoint: If the invention is successful (and there are other conditions to be discussed later), your profits will be taxed as capital gains, a maximum of 26%; if you lose your money, it's fully deductible against

other ordinary income.

The first break can help you this way. Your other income may be enough (roughly \$50,000 for a single man, \$100,000 for a married man) to put you in a 75% income tax bracket. Additional income subject to ordinary tax rates, therefore, would net you only about 25¢ on the dollar. Your capital gain from success of the invention you angeled, however, would net you 74% of the proceeds.

The second break comes if the invention wasn't successful. Then you wouldn't want a capital loss. That would only offset capital gains, and if you had none of those you could deduct a maximum of only \$1,000 from your ordinary income. But the tax law allows you to deduct your entire loss from ordinary income if the invention doesn't work out. So your out-of-pocket loss thus drops to only 25% of your investment.

 Success—Suppose Joe Doakes comes up with a workable, desirable invention. He patents it. At this point, according to your original agreement, you get an assignment of a share in the patent. Now you and Doakes are



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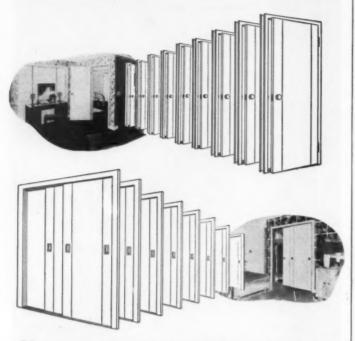
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in a position to dispose of the invention at a profit. How you do this has varying tax results.

Generally speaking, an outright sale of the patent will yield capital gains while a licensing and royalty arrangement will yield ordinary income. There are catches in this generality, though, and ways to get around them.

• Amateur or Pro?—Whether you get capital gain or ordinary income from an outright sale of a patent, for example, may depend on the status of your inventor-partner. If he makes a business of inventing gadgets and holding patents for sale to customers, all income from the sale is ordinary income -yours as well as his. But if he has kept his amateur standing, if his work on the invention is a hobby or sideline from his regular career, then the proceeds of the sale are capital gain.

(Before 1951 this rule for capital

(Before 1951 this rule for capital gains also applied to authors. That's how Gen. Eisenhower was able to get a capital gain when he sold his book, Crusade in Europe—he had never been a professional writer. Now Congress has changed the law so that even amateur authors have to pay ordinary income tax on the sale of their writings.)

 Spare Time—It helps preserve your capital gain rights if your inventor is a spare-time genius. But you can't be sure even then.

Marvin R. Thompson, while employed by the Food & Drug Administration, used his spare time to try to improve methods of testing ergot, a drug. In the course of his experiments, he discovered a process of making a fluid extract of ergot and, later, how to isolate two of its components. He acquired, and sold, three patents over a six-year period. One patent turned out to be valuable.

The tax court ruled that Thompson should be taxed only for capital gains on the sale of all three patents. Although he put in about 40 hours a week on his experiments, he did it all in his leisure time, the court found, not as part of his regular work. His patent sales were "unusual and not of such continuity or regularity as to justify a finding that the taxpayer was engaged in the business of selling patents," said the court.

On the other hand, there's the case of Harold T. Avery. He, too, worked on inventions in his spare time. But a tax court refused to allow his claim of a capital gain on the sale of a patent



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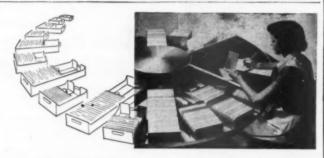
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to his employer. It found that his spare-time inventing had gone on for 17 years and had produced 12 patents, of which he had sold two and granted licenses for two more.

In this case, the sale of the patent to his employer was not an isolated transaction, the court ruled. "What may have been a hobby originally," its decision stated, "became a trade or business when he held the patents for sale or license to others for profit."

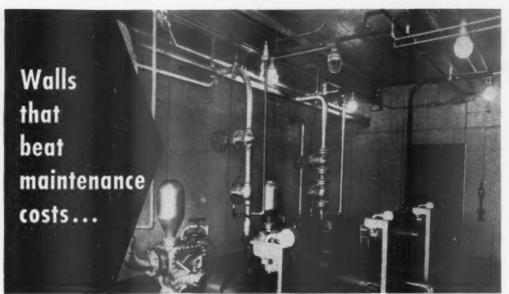
• Continuing Interest—Your chances of getting capital gains treatment will be improved if you and your inventor-partner get a substantial interest in management of the company that's going to exploit the invention. Sale of a patent to a company in which the inventor has a continuing interest through stock ownership is usually regarded as a capital gain. It's not a sale to customers, but is the use of a company for financing, developing, exploit-

Take care, though, if your inventor conducts a business in a line allied to the patent and takes tax deductions for expenses of developing inventions. For example, a machinist was in the business of building machinery to special order. He deducted his expenses on a machine he invented. The tax court said his proceeds from sale of the patent should be taxed as ordinary income.

• Sale, With Hooks—Since, unless the inventor is a professional, outright sale of a patent is clearly a capital gain that may be the safest way of disposing of an invention. But the owners may prefer a licensing agreement to outright sale. The tax law gives the seller a lot of protection if he wants to keep control of the area of market, pricing, minimum requirements for royalties. If he's careful, the patent seller can keep this control and still hang onto the advantages of capital gain.

Ordinarily, royalty income from a license to use a patent is ordinary income. To be a sale under the tax law, you must dispose of three rights: the right to make, the right to use, the right to sell. If you retain any one of these, the tax people call it a licensing agreement (ordinary income rather than a contract of sale, capital gain).

If you make sure you transfer the three rights, however, you can still get capital gain for a sale under an arrangement that's in the nature of royal-ties. The patent can be sold for pay-



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ments contingent on sales or profits or for a percentage of gross revenues. Or the price may be measured by the number of units produced by the buyer or by how much the invention saves him.

• Safe Conditions—Sales of a patent for a percentage of the buyer's revenue, profits, or units produced depend for their value on how successfully the buyer can exploit the invention. So the tax regulations recognize the right of the seller to demand stipulations and conditions to protect himself, without voiding the transaction's status as a true sale. The seller can demand such things as the following, for example:

Return of the title to the patent to the seller if the buyer goes bankrupt.

 Cancellation of the deal by the seller, and return of the patent to him, if payments prove less than an agreed minimum amount for a fixed period, or if the buyer breaches the contract in any other way.

 Retention of control by the seller over terms of resale by the buyer or later licensing by the buyer.

• Example—Edward C. Myers invented a rubber-covered flexible track. He granted the B. F. Goodrich Co. an exclusive license to make, use, and sell any devices using his invention in the United States, its territories and possessions. Goodrich was to pay him a royalty on sales. If the royalties didn't reach a certain amount in one year, Myers could cancel the license. After the first year Goodrich could also elect to cancel the license.

The courts found that this type of exclusive license was the same as a sale. The royalty payments were, therefore, the selling price—subject only to capital gains tax. The rights of both parties to cancel the license under certain conditions did not invalidate the agreement's standing as a sale, the tax courts ruled.

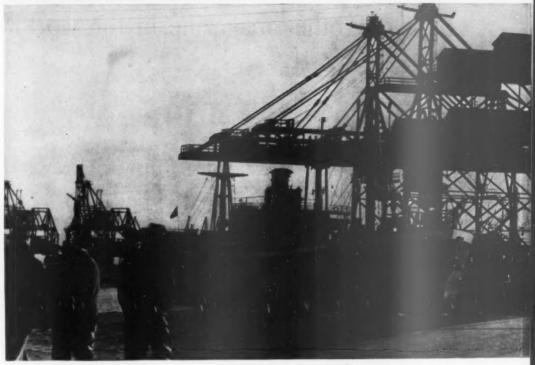
• BIR Unhappy—Originally, the Bureau of Internal Revenue agreed to be bound by the Myers decision. However, in March, 1950, BIR changed its mind and decided to fight it out wherever a purported sale smells of a royalty agreement.

BIR says it will attempt to tax the gain as ordinary income wherever the sales price is "measured by production, sale, or use" or where payments are made in instalments that end with the use of the patent by the buyer. So far, though, the courts have continued to follow the line of the Myers case.

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U.S. Tramp

It takes more than abracadabra to make a whole industry disappear, then reappear. But that's just what happened to U.S. tramp shipping—twice in a century.

Today tramp shipping under the American flag is not only back; it's booming. Reason for the comeback is the combination of a fleet left over from World War II, the European aid programs, and legislative boosts.

• Thin Ice?—Before 1946 the tramp shipper was a rarity here. Now about 40 concerns are tramp shipping, picking up bulk cargos wherever and whenever they offer and carrying them to any port the shipper desires. These concerns own over 200 ships, mostly 10,000-ton Liberties, and help run about 600 more for the government.

As a war baby, the industry is doing fine, especially since Korea, when cargos started looking for ships instead of the other way around. But tramping is a risky business, and skeptical ship-



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Shipping: Second Chance of a Century

pers are already worrying about what will happen to the industry should the international situation stabilize and cargos shrink. For then domestic fleets will again have to compete with foreign tramp fleets that operate at one-half U.S. costs.

• Ups and Downs—American tramp shipping has had to fight for survival from its early Yankee clipper days. At that time, most ships were tramps: They operated on unscheduled, irregular sailings, carrying bulk goods from wherever they were offered to wherever they were needed. Each ship serviced a small number of buyers and sellers. Although in the early 1820s tramp ships handled about 90% of the country's foreign trade, they lost their grip around the middle of the century when the steamship arrived. American shipping couldn't keep up with British mechanical knowhow and was slowly edged out.

Before long the industry sank out

of sight. It wasn't heard from again until World War I. The war swelled world shipments and spurred big U. S. shipbuilding operations. As a result, an American tramp fleet reappeared and had a brief, sporadic fling. But the heyday didn't last very long. The industry again took a beating in the 1921-22 shipping depression, and the '30s finished off the job.

• Shot in the Arm—It took another world war to bring the submerged industry back to the surface. With the firing of the first guns of World War II, every ship became worth its weight in gold almost overnight. Shipping rates rose so rapidly that in a few cases ships paid for themselves in a single trip. And the wartime shipbuilding program, with its fleet of Liberty ships, gave the industry another big boost.

In fact, most outfits that are tramp shipping today owe that development to government operations. When the shipbuilding program began turning out Liberties in 35 days, the War Shipping Administration had to find somebody to run them. It turned to the steamship companies, made qualified companies general agents for the government and compensated them on a fee basis.

• Good Beginning-Not long after these operations got under way, the agents began bursting at the seams.

When it looked as though the steamship companies had expanded as far as they could, WSA reached out for steamship agencies and chartering brokers' concerns that had shipping experience but had not owned ships before the war. Some 30 agents and brokers rose to the occasion, and at the peak many took on from 20 to 30 ships. The result was that at the close of the war the U.S. had not only a fleet of shipp, but a big directing force of shipping companies.

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toward a private merchant marine right after the war. MC told general agents they could charter government ships for their own account to carry relief cargos, mostly grain and coal to Europe and the Far East. Under this so-called "bareboat" setup, companies acted as owners, shared the profits with the government.

Until around the middle of 1948 goods flowed heavily enough to keep up to 1,500 U.S. ships busy, especially since foreign fleets were still in bad shape. UNRRA, then ECA, called for large-scale movements of bulk cargos. And the tramps got an added boost when Congress required that 50% of goods paid for by the U.S. go in American ships. Shipping rates naturally soared, with coal alone moving to the continent at a high of over \$12 a ton in 1947.

· Sink or Swim-In spite of such a promising start, though, the newly revived industry began to sink again by the beginning of 1949. For one thing, relief cargos began slowing down. Then along came the crippling March-April, 1948, coal strike. And to make matters worse, competition from recovered foreign fleets began stiffening up. These developments left their mark on the industry: Rates on coal to the continent sank to as low as \$6 or \$7 a ton, and a damaging rate differential grew up between American and foreign ships.

Tramp operators soon realized they had to do something-and in a hurry -to keep their heads above water. Some cut down their staffs as much as 50%. Others turned in ships they had bareboated from the government and concentrated on saving the ships they owned. The active U.S. tramp

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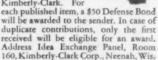
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fleet shrank to 125 ships, about 8% of its size at the height of the bareboat program. Companies ran their ships at losses amounting to as much as a couple of thousand dollars a trip; it was cheaper to run the ships than to lay them up.

• A Lifeline—Now Korea has pulled the switch again. As soon as military operations got under way, the Military Sea Transportation Service snapped up all the ships it could get in a hurry.

A sharp revival of coal and wheat exports at the start of the year temporarily sent tramp rates skyrocketing. To hold them down, the government had to pull some 600 or more ships out of mothballs and charter them to companies. Even so, coal now moves to the continent at about \$10.50 a ton.

A good clue to how high tramp shipping is riding today is the fact that most shippers who bought Liberties for \$560,000 in 1947, and maybe sold some of them for \$300,000 in 1949, won't take an offered \$900,000 today. Another index is the fact that tramps carried the lion's share of the 47-million short tons of coal shipped to Europe in the first 10 months of 1951. And they moved a big chunk of the 357-million bushels of wheat exported in the first 10 months of 1951.

All this is reflected in the growth of individual operators, such as Orion Shipping & Trading Co., now the largest concern that specializes in tramp shipping. Orion started from scratch in 1946, now owns 67 ships and runs another seven for the government.

• Precarious—Obviously, tramp ships don't have to look far to find customers nowadays. But tramp operators are constantly being reminded that, of all the branches of shipping, the tramp is the biggest gamble. You need more than a working knowledge of the shipping business to keep a tramp ship busy. You need a detailed knowledge of the basic movements of bulk goods throughout the world, skillful planning to put your ship in the right spot at the right time, and above all an ability to operate close to the chest in a highly competitive market.

A major problem U.S. tramp operators face today is keeping costs down. And one of the big reasons why it costs an American twice as much as a European to run a given ship is the steady rise in seamen's wages. The basic wages for able seamen alone have climbed 52% since 1946.

• Free for All-Few industries today are as freely competitive as tramp shipping. With one ship, you can compete for a cargo on an equal footing with the man who owns a fleet. And ordinarily, there are enough buyers and sellers around so that no one dominates the market.

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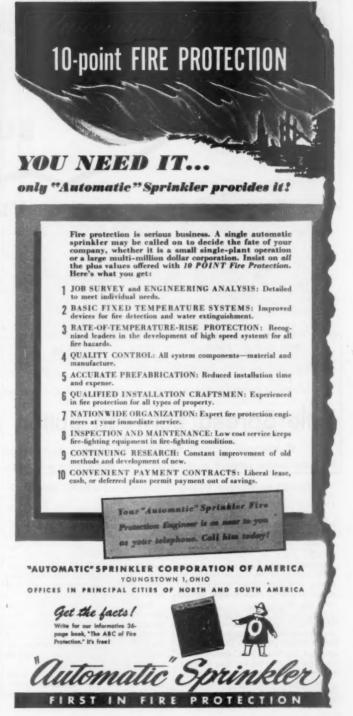
• New Pattern—In view of the riskiness of the business, it's not surprising that no tramp company has ever offered stock in the curb or stock exchange. Limited liability, too, seems to be the reason for the cubbyhole structure of tramp-operating outfits. In most cases, a large operator controls a group of companies, each of which owns a few ships.

In the postwar period government planning has upset traditional patterns of tramp operations. Rates received by private operators reflect those set by the government and are influenced by the release of reserve fleet vessels. The fact that the U.S. is exporting to Europe much more than it imports has converted the once flexible operations of the tramp into a one-way shuttle service, with many ships returning

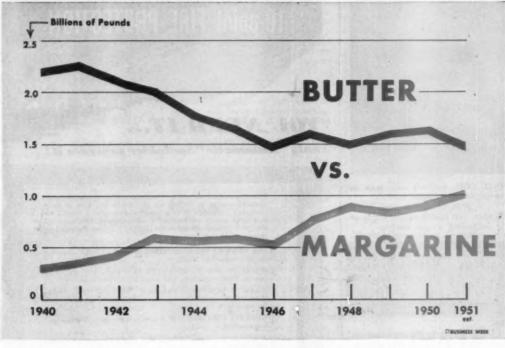
• Ready for Trouble—Some observers feel that long-range trends are ominous. Even in the late '30s there was a trend toward greater specialization in shipping, with more and more bulky commodities deserting the tramp for the

Ownership of tramp tonnage was shifting from countries like Great Britain and Norway to those with lower operating costs, such as Japan and Greece.

U.S. tramp operators face another serious problem in trying to hang on to their share of ocean transport service. Most foreign merchant fleets have by now outstripped the U.S. in new, more efficient ocean tonnage, despite their heavy World War II losses. Unless the U.S. starts replacement construction soon, many of its merchant vessels, especially Liberty ships, will be obsolete in 10 years.



MARKETING



MARGARINE CONSUMPTION during the past 11 years has climbed, dragging butter down to the point where there's . . .

Little Spread Between Butter, Margarine

If margarine closes the gap, the dairy industry may have to make some big changes in its marketing practices.

If it weren't for margarine, the dairy industry might think it had found the Promised Land.

Not only does the country flow with milk and honey, but better yet—in terms of the modern world—there's a market for this plenty. Last year the dairy industry raked in estimated cash receipts totaling \$4.4-billion. This year, with demand for fluid milk, cheese, ice cream, and other dairy products still running strong, cash receipts should even top that figure.

• Slipping—It's butter that isn't doing well, thanks to margarine. In a dozen years margarine has dragged down the sale of butter, very nearly closed the gap between the two (chart, above). There are three big reasons for this: scarcities of butter during and after the war, margarine's price advantage (it costs half as much as butter or less), and repeal of federal and state anti-margarine laws.

Now only eight states forbid the sale of yellow margarine, and there's a good chance one of them (New York) may reced its bon this year.

repeal its ban this year.

• More Potential Than Real—So far margarine's effect on the dairy industry generally has been more potential than dollars-and-cents. Demand has been such that the milk left over from butter's decline has gone into other dairy products that yield more profit than butter.

But a number of people in the industry foresee future trouble. Margarine's inroads into butter have revealed some fundamental problems of the industry. Further margarine increases at the expense of butter will do a great deal:

 To push the dairy industry further off the gold standard-butter which has traditionally set the industry's pricing; To hasten a long-overdue revolution in milk distribution and marketing practices.

• Soul-Searching—Dairy scientists and publications are asking the industry to re-examine some of its long-standing practices. Dr. P. H. Tracy, a dairy scientist of the University of Illinois, points up this trend. In Hoard's Dairyman, a bible of the industry, he asked if it isn't about time to "sacrifice some of our sacred cows."

Two of Dr. Tracy's sacred cows are at the heart of the controversy: the practice of classifying milk into several grades instead of one and the practice of paying for milk on the basis of butter fat content alone.

 Here's How-Very roughly, this is the way the farmer gets paid for his milk:

He hauls his milk in bulk down to the local dairy cooperative where it is dumped into a common pail. He gets paid on the basis of (1) the milk's butter fat content, and (2) the way the cooperative disposes of it. In other words, if it goes out as fluid milk it gets one price; if it goes into other dairy products it gets other prices. It's the same milk but it has been classified into different grades, and then priced accordingly.

These prices are set with the price of butter as a yardstick. Once you've determined the butter price, then you work up the list-through cheese, canned milk, and other products—to fluid milk. (Fluid milk gets the farmer the best price, butter the lowest.) Butter is used as the bellwether in almost all the 30-odd milk sheds where government marketing agreements set milk

• New Yardsticks—Since the war, several major milk markets have gone off the butter standard. It started with Boston in 1948 (BW—Sep.11'48,p92). Next came New York. Most recent to join up was Philadelphia, in 1951.

The Boston formula ties milk prices in more closely with prices in general. Milk producers get a price based on three major factors: (1) the wholesale commodity index, (2) a New England index based on the wholesale price of grain and the average of farm labor wages, and (3) the index of department store sales published by the First Federal Reserve District. There's also a supply-demand adjustment factor that takes into account the size of the fluid milk surplus.

The New York and Philadelphia formulas differ in detail but are similar to the Boston one. The Philadelphia formula, however, takes into account butter prices. The other two don't.

• Real Support—A dip in the consumption of dairy products could help topple

over what's left of the old butter-based price structure.

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A slump would automatically push fluid milk into the manufacture of more butter. That's what happened between 1948 and 1949, when dairy cash income dropped more than \$650-million (BW-Jun.18'49,p58). One good reason for this shift is that butter keeps for a while, whereas milk doesn't. So the dairy can hope to sell some of its inventory eventually.

Now there's a second good reason. The 1948-49 slump propelled the government right into a price support program for butter, which cost \$250-million in two years' time. Naturally, if there's another slump, farmers will know that they can get the government to take the excess inventory off their hands in the form of price-supported butter.

Some people in the industry feel that support price operations will really only hasten the day of reckoning. They



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argue that supporting the price of butter simply increases the spread between the price of butter and that of margarine, bringing about higher margarine consumption, which in turn crodes butter's position further.

Even now butter manufacture isn't profitable for most dairymen. The return a dairyman gets from butter averages about \$1.50 per 100 lb. of milk less than the return for whole milk used for other purposes.

 Upsetting the Cart—Margarine's disruptive effect may also end by upsetting the industry's timeworn marketing and distribution practices.

As pointed out in Hoard's Dairyman, health regulations are used as tariff barriers to keep milk from flowing into many milksheds. For example, during recent years, health regulations of the District of Columbia have been used on several occasions to bar milk from outside the D.C. milkshed.

If there were a uniform health code, far-sighted dairymen point out, a good deal more fluid milk might be produced in areas where costs of production are comparatively low. If milk could flow freely, costs to consumers would be reduced, although total dairy income might be raised by increased volume.

• Too Costly—Another facet of the industry coming in for scrutiny is its distribution system. Many dairymen—particularly in the Midwest where surpluses resulting from less butter sales have forced herd reductions—think the delivery system for milk is too costly. The processing of milk in concentrate form—such as has been utilized with such success by the citrus industry—could provide markets for surplus fluid milk.

A concentrated milk actually has been developed which might be sold in stores at prices considerably below those for door-delivered milk. Concentration reduces weight two-thirds and could result in a saving of about 3¢ per quart in shipping from Minnesota to New York.

• Not Enough Spread—But there's a catch. Concentrated milk has been put into the highest price bracket (Class I) along with fluid milk. Milk producers have seen to that (BW-Mar.31'51, p86). As a result there's been hardly any price spread between whole and concentrated milk. In some areas it has been around 1¢.

Although concentrated milk only takes up a little room in a refrigerator, its only real advantage over whole milk is its price. And a 1¢ saving simply hasn't been enough to wean people over to a new and unfamiliar kind of milk. So the product has been doing poorly almost everywhere that it has been introduced. In some places dairies that have experimented with it have already thrown in the sponge.

... is the scope of each of the 13 public relations firms that have just banded into a nationwide pool.

When a public relations firm has to cover the whole national waterfront for a client, it costs the firm-and the client-a lot of money. For firms that don't have a nationwide network of

branch offices, it poses real problems. This week 13 public relations firms in 14 cities thought they had a solu-tion. They pooled their facilities to form a new nationwide company, Public Relations Management Corp. Each member firm bought equal shares of stock in the new organization, set up executive offices in New York City and another office in Washington, D. C.

This merging of facilities, officials of the new company say, makes the firm the largest of its kind in the country-with a total of some 40 national clients plus the regional ones. It also makes for fast, efficient operation.

· Blueprint-It works like this: One member has a potential client for whom he wants to work out a program. Public Relations Management will set up a special planning board from the officers of the member firms. When the board has drawn up a program, it will submit its plan to all the members. For a national client. this rules out any chance that the program will be too local in approach.

An example of the service offered was shown this week: Holeproof Hosiery, a client of the Chicago member firm, had just concluded a limerick contest. The winner was a woman in Tenafly, N. J.-but the Chicago firm didn't need to send a representative all the way to Tenafly to get all the data to publicize the event. Using the teletype that links all 16 offices, it got the New York office to take over.

Paul Newsome of Newsome & Co., Boston, is chairman of the board. The president has yet to be appointed; meanwhile Nelson Moore, Nelson B. Moore & Associates, Cleveland, is acting president. Don Short of Don Short, Minneapolis, is secretary. W. Moscrip Miller, vice-president, heads the New York office. Donald Hogate is Washington chief.

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GOOD IDEA in suggestion box got Mrs. Feeney-and 11 others-on Mays' Customer Council Board.



INSPECTION of sample blouse at board meeting gives Mrs. Robert Feeney and her mother, Mrs. Raymond Feeney, a chance to tell store what kind of merchandise they'd like Mays to carry. The board voted on suggestions.



PANEL WORKING: Board members swap ideas on rack displays with Harold Greenfield, store manager,



LUNCH is served at conference table. Max Shulman, Mays' vice-president, tells board about his trip to Europe, explains why imports cost so much. The ladies liked their advisory

job, didn't want to go home. And they are so eager to serve that many of them write in, asking if they may have the privilege. To idea people, the answer is yes.

The Customers Help Run the Store

Get a group of women around a clothes rack or at a conference table. Set them talking about what they like to wear and what kind of store they like to buy in. The experiment is pretty sure to produce a lively session. It's quite likely to turn up some good merchandising ideas, too.

That seems to be the finding of J. W. Mays, Inc., Brooklyn specialty store. The big men's, women's, and children's wear shop held its first Customer Council Board meeting in December, plans another shortly. Ask Max Shulman, vice-president, whether there have been any tangible results and he'll tell you somewhat ruefully, "Well, it's made us spend a lot of money." In spite of the cost, though, Mays will probably hold the meetings on a monthly basis.

 Store-Wide-Consumer panels have been tried before. But president Joe Weinstein thinks this is the first time a cash-and-carry, big-city specialty shop has tried one on a store-wide basis.

The panel essentially is an effort to take some of the guesswork out of retailing—by listening to the customers. At Mays, it grows out of Weinstein's firm conviction that what the customer has to say is worth listening to.

In operation, the Mays plan is a sort of glorified suggestion box.

In fact, a suggestion box is the mainspring that keeps the plan ticking. To get on the board, a customer has to make a suggestion on improving the merchandise or the operation of the store. From the flurry of ideas—about 800 so far—the executives weed out the facetious ones ("Burn the store down," "Get me a husband"). When they find ideas that seem particularly good, they interview the women who made them. From this group, they pick their board to serve for a three-month period. They try to get a cross-section of the store's customers: a working girl, a housewife, a college student, a teen-ager. In return for serving, the board members get employee discounts on goods in the store. There are also prizes for special merit.

The board meets in the executive conference room. Shulman conducts the meetings. He tells the conferees of the store's merchandising projects, shows them samples of the new lines coming in, asks for suggestions and criticisms. If the board votes to put a suggestion into effect, it's given a onemonth trial. If it works, it's made permanent.

• Displays—The members then make an excursion throughout the store. They criticize displays, examine the racks full of clothes. Later in the week they visit the garment district in New York, see how the clothes are made.

At the December meeting, Shulman told of his trip to Europe last summer. He showed the women samples of French and Italian blouses, bags, and dresses he had bought, explained why they would cost so much if Mays tried

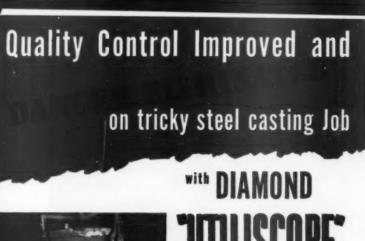
to sell the originals. The ladies, Shulman said, listened sympathetically. He asked what colors and styles they thought they'd like for the Easter lines. He invited questions.

He got them: "Why don't you arrange your sizes better?" "Why can't I get clothes that fit my teen-age daughter?" "Why don't you have more room to sit down?" "Why do you make that neckline so high?"

• Telephones—Some of the suggestions are already at work. One, Shulman said, was in the your-best-friend-won't-tell-you category. The women were dissatisfied with the washrooms. As a result Mays has started a \$10,000 program to modernize the lavatories. People had to stand in line too long to wait for a telephone. So Mays has installed a new bank of telephones. Husbands and grandmothers don't like to stand around while their relatives hem and haw over purchases. So Mays bought five dozen more chairs for them to sit on.

The complaint about the teen-age fit brought an investigation of that department. The store discovered that the clothes weren't cut to adapt themselves to the growing young miss. The buyer talked it over with the manufacturer, who is adjusting his patterns accordingly.

 Ruled Out—The store says no to any plan that would go counter to its policy of underselling competitors. Thus it refused to inaugurate a delivery service





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• Liaison—One good effect is to keep the buyers on their toes. Another is that the gap between management and consumer is narrowed. Because Mays is a supermarket operation, with relatively few salespeople, that gap is wider than in service stores. Another factor that works to widen the gap is that the store has grown fast. In 1946 its business was running about \$8-million to \$9-million. For fiscal 1951, it was about \$24-million. And the bigger the operation, the greater the chasm between management and its custom-

A considerable chunk of that sales growth is the result of expansions. In 1950 Mays opened its first branch store, in Glen Oaks, Long Island. The over-all figures show a steady sales growth, but the picture isn't so rosy when the branch store's contribution is deducted. Mays, which thinks it is now the second biggest store in Brooklyn (Abraham & Straus is No. 1), hopes that the customer board may help boost sales at the main store.

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The biggest deal in the history of the citrus industry, between Clinton Foods and the Florida Citrus Exchange, fell through with a thud last week.

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The deal: The exchange was to have bought the processing facilities and the concentrate inventory owned by Clinton Foods' subsidiary, Snow Crop, for \$32-million (BW-Oct.15'51,p146). Snow Crop was to have become marketing agent for the exchange with a guarantee that it would get enough econcentrate to keep Snow Crop's place in the market.

The backers expected big things of the deal, including the stabilization of highly erratic citrus prices. (Oranges were \$3.75 a box at their peak two years ago; last week they were selling for as low as 50¢.)

The catch: It turned out that although the exchange ostensibly controls 25% of the Florida crop, it couldn't deliver that much. Some growers balked, evidently gambling on a rise in prices. The exchange fell short by an amount between 14-million and 3-million boxes, which Snow Crop would have had to buy on the open market

Meanwhile, Snow Crop has switched to an alternative plan. It has worked out an arrangement with its three copackers—who pack under the Snow Crop label—whereby they hold their share of the Snow Crop inventory. The expense of holding inventory was a major Snow Crop headache that the exchange deal would have eliminated.



MODERN for moderns keynoted the Chicago and Grand Rapids furniture markets. This group was designed by Paul McCobb for the B. G. Mesberg Sales Organization.

Furniture: High Hopes, But . .

Chicago and Grand Rapids markets see brisk buying, tempered by unhappy recent memories. Modern design triumphs, with lots of entirely new lines.

The keynote at the Chicago and Grand Rapids semiannual furniture markets last week was one of cautious optimism. Attendance in both places was good, but buying ran from moderate to light. Nobody had forgotten last year's heavy overstocks and the spring and summer slump. Both manufacturers and retailers showed they meant to make 1952 different.

 High and Low—The manufacturers' solution was to bring out an uncommonly large number of entirely new lines. This was the year when modern design convincingly triumphed. That was particularly true in Chicago's American Furniture Mart and Merchandise Mart.

Fresh, new designs weren't limited to high-bracket stuff; the medium- and lower-priced lines had them, too. Even mass producers of standard upholstered lines proved more style-conscious than ever before. For the first time a good number of the lower-priced manufacturers had hired professional outside designers. Well over half of the new furniture, manufacturers estimated, fell into the modern style groups.

 New and Old—Even traditionalists bowed to the trend. One better-class traditional house had two new groups in informal modern, and only one new traditional line. A mailorder house buyer said his company was considering dropping the old style "borax" or commercial designs from its catalogs. There was still a market for them in farm areas, but demand is stronger for the modern lines.

As an extension of this trend there was an increase of correlated groups. These consist of 20 to 30 pieces of related design for living room, bedroom, and dining room.

In Grand Rapids the big news in style was provincial, especially American provincial. The Italian influence was evident in almost all contemporary designs. New finishes in Grand Rapids ran to the darker hues. In Chicago, cherry and pine in new warm, light tones were strong. Lines were simple, casual; fabrics textured or tweedy.

 Cagey-Prices, too, reflected the generally cautious atmosphere. They averaged about 5% to 10% lower than last year. And better workmanship, design, and finish suggested higher prices than were on the tags.

Despite all this, the manufacturer ran head-on into conflict with the retailer's determination not to get stuck again. For the retailers, the answer was: Take it easy.

The very variety of new offerings seemed to work against heavy orders, at least in Grand Rapids. Some buyers were bewildered by the choice. They were scared to buy heavily for fear they



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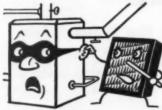
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further price cuts.

• But Cheerful—Nevertheless, if orders were moderate, at least everybody was buying. Retailers have got their inventories into pretty good shape. The National Retail Furniture Assn. estimated store inventories averaged about 3% to 5% higher than a year ago. But many retailers said they were 10% to 15% lower than last year, thanks to the sales pickup in November and December.

Retailers talked cheerfully of spring prospects. For the first six months of 1952 they predicted sales ranging from even with the same 1951 period to as high as 10% ahead. They were hopeful about profits, too. If they bought carefully, and put real steam under sales, they hoped to avoid the heavy markdowns that hurt last year. But they admitted it would take some doing.

The new restrictions on new home construction didn't seem to worry the trade. Close to 80% of furniture sales are replacements, industry leaders estimate.

• Status Quo—In the appliance sections of the markets, there were few striking developments. More automatic defrosting in refrigerators, better functioning automatic washers and driers—and that was about it. Here, too, new restrictions left industry leaders unworried. Stocks of refrigerators and freezers are still big enough to offset curtailed production, they said. They added, however, that inventories in dealers' and manufacturers' hands are no longer excessive.

The scarcest appliances promise to be automatic washers, driers, and dishwashers. Demand is up on these. Shortages of copper and nickel may affect ranges and water heater supplies before the year is out.

• Pinning Their Hopes—Radio-TV manufacturers featured models with larger screens, longer-distance reception—and some lower prices. Manufacturers pinned their hopes for 1952 sales mainly on the replacement market. Industry leaders at Chicago saw little prospect that even the end of the freeze on new TV stations this year would open new markets in time to help 1952 sales. They predicted production of about 4.5-million to 5-million TV sets.

Carpet manufacturers reported a fair volume of ordering at the market. But the industry is still smarting from last year's violent price fluctuations and from heavy retail inventories. Prices were 30% below the March, 1951, peak. But some retailers felt they were still too high for heavy buying.

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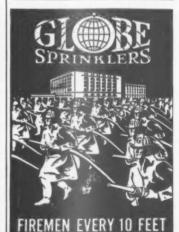
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Major tire makers will fight Federal Trade Commission's quantity discount rule in the courts (BW-Jan.12'52, p126). They'll probably file a petition in federal court now to have the order set aside. Or they may wait till Apr. 1, the effective date, and refuse to comply.

Cigarette distribution by independent food stores and supermarkets together was 30.9% of the total in 1950, says National Assn. of Tobacco Distributors. In 1951 their share was probably bigger (BW-Dec.1'51,p58).

Gasoline price wars have hit Alabama, Philadelphia, and New Jersey. Jersey prices have tumbled as much as 6¢ a gal. recently. To get legislative action, the state's independent dealers say they will close their service stations "indefinitely" beginning Feb. 1. The New York State Council of Gasoline Retailers is trying to get a state law to prevent below-cost sales.

The New York market area-28 counties -has 9.6% of the U.S. population, buys 11%, or \$15-billion, of the nation's retail volume, the New York Times estimates. Its food bill is well over \$5.5-billion a year. The area accounts for 45.5% of the national total for delicatessen stores; 8.2% of household appliances; 19.8% of confectionery; 11.9% of the nation's footwear.

Advertising volume for 1951 came to over \$6.5-billion, McCann-Erickson estimates in Printer's Ink. That's 15% more than 1950. TV had the biggest percentage gain-161.8%; radio the smallest-3.4%. Magazine advertising revenue reached an all-time high of \$511.2-million, 11.7% more than 1950's total, says Magazine Advertising Bureau.

New rescue plan for Schulte's will (1) kick out the men's haberdashery, (2) put in top-selling, nationally advertised drug lines, (3) stock a full line of toiletries, (4) re-emphasize tobacco. The new management group that has taken over the faltering chain (\$643,471 losses in 1951) no longer talks about putting in lunch counters (BW-Oct.13 51,p124).

Coffee vending machines paced growth of the automatic merchandising industry last year with a 105% increase, reports Vend magazine. Ice cream machines were next (49%). Cold-cup beverage machines (18½%) sold 1.3billion drinks last year as against 3.5billion bottles vended by machine.



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Chase (N.Y.)	5,150	4,871	3	3	43	39	53	61	14-1	14-1	
Guaranty (N.Y.)	2,700	2,503	4	5	51	49	58	61	7-1	7-1	
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Chemical (N.Y.)	1,775	1,552	9	11	40	39	60	59	15-1	13-1	
Security-First (L.A.)	1,737	1,702	10	8	29	26	73	77	16-1	17-1	
Mellon (Pittsburgh)	1,687	1,497	11	12	37	29	63	73	8-1	7-1	
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First (Boston)	1,495	1,432	13	14	44	44	61	61	12-1	14-1	
Nat'l Bank of Detroit	1,471	1,487	14	13	24	21	74	75	21-1	23-1	
Bank of Manhattan (N.Y.)			15	16	47	50	58	56	15-1	15-1	
Irving (N.Y.)	1,241	1,219	16	15	49	44	58	64	10-1	10-1	
Cleveland Trust	1,194	1,154	17	17	34	34	60	60	19-1	20-1	
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Closing the Books on a Good Year

You are the president of the Last National Bank & Trust Co. of Siwash City, making your 1951 report to stockholders. You start off by telling them that last year your bank took in quite a lot more gross revenue from interest on loans and investments, and from service fees, than ever in its 115-year history.

That's because you loaned more money than ever before, and charged a higher rate for it than since the early 1930's. You cut down on your holdings of government bonds, which bring a lower vield than loans.

At the same time, your federal income taxes were quite a bit higher than in 1950. Operating costs went up, too. But your gross revenue had jumped so sharply that you ended up with a little more net profit for 1951 than the year before. Not many industrial companies could say as much

• Extra Cushion-There's another side to the picture. You had to raise some

more capital in 1951. You and your directors figured that the capital-deposit ratio with which you had started the year-about \$1 of capital funds to \$14 of deposits-was a little too slim protection for the depositors. So you sold 1,000 more common shares at \$30 a share, a couple of dollars under the over-the-counter market value, and way below book value of \$45 a share. Nearly all of this was taken up by holders of the existing shares

Though you didn't point it out in the report, the effect of this was that old stockholders had to put up more money in order to own the same proportion of the bank as they had before. Those that did not take up their rights to buy the new shares found themselves owning a smaller proportion.

What happened to the Last National of Siwash City is pretty typical of what happened to the average U.S. com-mercial bank during 1951. The banks as a whole seem to have made a greater dollar volume than ever before. But bank earnings on invested capital are still far from being comparable with industrial earnings.

· Lag in Value-The best proof of that is the market value of bank stocks. Most of these sell at discounts of from 10% to 30% below book value-which no longer is typical of very many industrial shares.

The answer is simple enough: Investors can get a higher return on equity money invested in industrial companies than they can from banks. Naturally, stock market prices reflect that-even though bank shares, over the long run, may be the more conservative.

The reason for the relatively low vield on capital invested in banks is this: Since 1933, government monetary policy has kept the price that banks charge for use of their money at an artificially low level. And in recent

years the average rate of interest banks earn on their assets has been fairly low, because banks have held relatively large amounts of low-yielding government securities and relatively small amounts of higher-yielding loans.

• Low Interest-In the 1930's, the government tried to stimulate recovery by pushing interest rates down. During World War II, it kept them down because it had to borrow vast sums for the war effort. Afterwards, it had such a big debt that it continued its cheapmoney policy: (1) to hold down debt charges, and (2) to protect holders of existing government securities and simplify refunding of maturing issues by keeping the bond market stable.

That has meant relatively poor earnings on bank capital. If you need more proof, you might consider what an oddity a new bank is these days. According to the American Banker, only 64 commercial and savings banks opened in the U.S. during 1951. There has been a steady downtrend in bank openings since 138 were started in 1946.

· Vanishing Banks-At the same time, banks are disappearing from the scene Banks that want new via mergers. branches find it cheaper to buy up existing banks and use their premises. Stockholders of banks with bleak earnings prospects are continually tempted to cash in because they get a better price in a merger than in the open market. And this often means a capital gain to the holder. Since their bank's assets are extremely liquid, compared to assets of industrial concerns, the buyer figures to make out all right in taking them over at book value.

That's why the number of U.S. banks is slowly declining, while the economy is growing. Latest figures show 14,631 banks, a few more than the 14,585 that were operating at the close of 1946. But there were 15,035 banks at the end of 1939.

· Excess Profits-The unpegging of the government-bond market last spring made a big difference in banking. It meant higher money rates, and higher gross operating earnings for banks. But if left a lot of banks with portfolio losses. Moreover, higher corporate tax rates-plus higher operating expensesswallowed up most of the gain in gross earnings. A few banks paid excess profits tax, as well.

For instance: Chase National Bank, No. 2 in New York and No. 3 in the U.S., set aside \$25.5-million for taxes in 1951, compared to \$14.9-million the year before. Its profits after taxes rose only slightly, from \$20.9-million to \$21.5-million.

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York, had operating income of \$34.2million, up 33% over 1950. But it had to set aside \$7-million for income taxes, almost exactly double 1950's tax bite. Net earnings rose only from \$7.7-million to \$8.4-million.

While income taxes of most banks climbed, a few were able to cut potential tax payments by taking tax losses on securities. For instance, J. P. Morgan & Co., Inc., reported that it will pay income tax of \$545,000 for 1951. compared with \$1,028,000 in 1950. This is in spite of the fact that net operating earnings before income tax were up almost 38%.

National Bank of Detroit reported that it was able to cut 1951 income and excess profits taxes "materially" from what it would have otherwise had to pay, by means of "advantageous changes in the U.S. Government se-

curities account."

• Tax Sales-While neither bank went into details, it seems apparent that both have been selling governments at a loss, which of course is deductible for income tax purposes. When a bank makes tax sales of governments, it is often possible to switch into issues of almost the same maturity as the bonds sold, and thus avoid seriously upsetting a carefully spaced schedule of maturities. Or else the money can be used to make additional loans.

The tax angle is also one reason why so many banks raised new equity money during 1951 (BW-Jul.14'51, p11). Where banks seemed likely to have to pay excess profits tax, an increase in capital gave them a broader

EPT exemption.

· Added Risks-Probably the most important reason why banks went after new capital was that they felt the need of a larger capital cushion for their liabilities. A higher proportion of their assets were going out into loans, which are riskier than government bonds. And after the Federal Reserve unpegged government bonds, even these riskless assets were no longer as liquid as they had been.

Banks were willing to pay a fairly steep price for this new equity money. For instance, New York's National City Bank, Mr. Big in the East and the No. 2 U.S. bank, offered 1-million common shares last spring at \$40 a share. Book value of the existing stock was about \$51.53. Nearly all of the new stock was taken up by holders of existing

Just this week, stockholders of Republic National Bank of Dallas were to vote on a plan to offer 150,000 new shares at \$40 a share. Present book value of the stock-if you include net worth of subsidiary Republic National Co.-is about \$60 a share. If the new stock is issued, book value would be \$51 a share.

Hotel Shopping

The hotel chains are snapping up properties while they still can. And some owners are ready to sell.

Even with today's high real estate prices, hotel and real estate operators are still going after hotels. Government restrictions make it unlikely that any new hotels will be built for some time to come, so expansion-minded hotel chains are picking up new units while the picking is good. They want to cash in on the expected uptrend in hotel business.

Chains that want to add more units can still find some good-looking properties on the market. Owners in some cases may figure that prices have reached their peak. But probably more important is the fear that long-term capital-gains tax rates will go higher. The rate went from 25% to 26% on Jan. 1. And the fear of another stepup in the future may encourage some other property owners to take their profits in

· Sheraton-Cadillac-Late in November Manufacturers Trust Co. of New York sold its 70% stock interest in Book-Cadillac Corp. to Sheraton Corp. of America for about \$4.7-million. Book-Cadillac owns the 29-story Detroit hotel of the same name. Manufacturers Trust had acquired the stock involuntarily in 1941 through a reorganization.

Sheraton, which says that the new hotel gives it more rooms than any other hotel chain in the world, has already changed the name to Sheraton-Cadillac. It will soon offer to buy the emaining 27,000 shares of stock for about \$1.1-million.

· Biltmore-Just before Christmas two Dallas real estate men, Leo F. Corrigan and Fletcher G. Lippitt, bought nearly all the stock of Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel Co. for more than \$12\frac{1}{2}-million. Equitable Life Assurance Society loaned the buyers \$7½-million, secured by a mortgage on the property. The longterm lease on the hotel held by Baron Long won't be disturbed.

On the same day, Knott Hotels Corp., another big chain, announced it had bought Washington's 300-room Congressional Hotel for \$2-million. The Congressional, built in 1948, is one of the few hotels built since 1929.

This was the seventh hotel Knott bought during 1950-1951. All of them are outside New York, where most of Knott's holdings used to be concentrated. Knott executives say they have several other deals on the fire as well. The reason: to get more of their eggs out of one basket.



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Walter E. Cosgriff is one exception. A one-time Reconstruction Finance Corp. director, Cosgriff is making a state bank out of his family-controlled Continental National Bank & Trust Co. of Salt Lake City.

That is his solution to quarrels with the Comptroller of the Currency.

• Increase in Assets-The comptroller, who regulates national banks, refused to allow Continental to value its bank building at more than \$900,000. Cosgriff thinks the building is worth a lot more. If he could persuade bank authorities to boost his valuation, his bank could make larger loans to individual borrowers. An increase in assets, without a corresponding rise in liabilities, means an increase in capital funds on the other side of the balance sheet. A national bank can't lend any one customer more than an amount equal to 10% of capital and surplus.

Cosgriff knew that he could boost his loan limit if he shifted his institution to state bank status. A Utah state bank can lend one borrower up to 15% of capital and surplus. And the Utah banking department might well be more liberal in its valuation of the bank building, which has been independently appraised at \$2.3-million. So, a while back, Cosgriff applied to the Utah authorities for permission to convert. He has just received the necessarv O.K

· Old Bone-The argument about valuation of the bank building is the last flareup in a long feud between Cosgriff and the comptroller. Cosgriff, who served as a director in the last months of the old RFC, charges that the comptroller has been putting the heat on him to raise more capital for his bank. At yearend, Continental had \$54.8-billion in deposits, and a capital-deposits ratio of \$1 in capital funds to \$23.71 in deposits. That's pretty slim (page 146).

· Easy Divorce-Until recently, Cosgriff would have had to exercise some legal hocus-pocus before he could drop "National" out of his bank's name. Continental would have had to go into voluntary liquidation, sell its assets to a successor state bank.

Under a new law passed last August, a national bank can convert simply by getting permission from its state banking department. Continental is the second bank to do this since the law was passed. (In the same period, three state banks have shifted over to national status.)

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Cosgriff says the other banks that his family controls in the mountainstate area won't be affected.

Tax-Ridden Hoppy To Unsaddle Enterprises

Rustlers were never a match for Hopalong Cassidy, but the tax collector could—and did—beat him to the draw. Hoppy, who is William Boyd in private life, wants to sell his William Boyd Enterprises, which grossed about \$1-million in royalties last year. Reason is that operating expenses and taxes are taking too much of his income. Boyd would rather sell the whole shebang and take a capital gains tax on his profit. His asking price: about \$8-million.

The William Boyd Enterprises col-

The William Boyd Enterprises collects royalties on the use of Hoppy's old films, and gets a cut on Hopalong Cassidy comic strips, comic books, records, and merchandising gimmicks. Also involved is a radio program that NBC has been running (the contract on this expires this spring).

• Package Deal—Hoppy and his manager, Bob Stabler, have already tried to peddle the enterprises to NBC, but it looks now as if NBC won't buy the whole package. Probably it will take on only the TV film rights and the rights to produce a Hoppy radio program. The films involved are Hoppy's 54 old full-length movies plus 12 other full-length pictures on which he has bought TV rights. These are still showing in theaters, and won't be available to TV until next year.

Hoppy probably would be taxed at the capital-gains rate if he sold the films to NBC. Observers think he is already being taxed at the capital-gains rate on royalties from his commercial

Breakdown-Here's how the 1951 income of William Boyd Enterprises breaks down:

\$600,000 net from such commercial tieups as cowboy suits, guns, soap, and the like.

 About \$350,000 from use of his pictures on TV.

• \$55,000 from comic books.

• \$7,000 from records.

That adds up to about \$1-million gross. But after the company pays staff expenses, Boyd apparently still has to split profits with others who own pieces of the company. According to manager Bob Stabler, he came out with \$728,000 before taxes. After taxes, he figures to have \$140,000 left.

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FINANCE BRIEFS

U.S. Government obligations owned by the public and falling due within 12 months now total \$59.6-billion. A year ago such maturities added up to only \$51.8-billion.

ICC has agreed to let Atlantic Coast Line dispose of a new \$22.4-million long-term bond issue at private sale. Several life companies have agreed to pay par for bonds carrying about a 41% interest rate. Coast Line had doubted that competitive bidding-normally required for new rail offerings-would produce better terms due to recent "weak and unfavorable" rail bond markets.

Building and loan dividend rates in Los Angeles appear headed for 31%. Lately 12 local associations upped payments to 31% from 3%. Competition for available savings, heavy building, and the recent nationwide uptrend in mortgage loan rates are behind the move.

Maryland legislators are expected to reduce the state's personal income tax rate 15% soon. The reason: a current state surplus of \$11.9-million.

Some 77 of the 150 prominent 1950 new common stock offerings-or 51%at yearend were selling under their original price to the public, New York's Shields & Co. reports. Best performers were the new utility issues; 71%, or 24 of the 34 in that group ended the year above offering prices.

At least \$700-million of new U.S.-guaranteed, tax-exempt, local housing authority bonds will be offered publicly in 1952. That, the Public Housing Authority says, includes the \$145-million sold this week.

Rhode Island is considering a new bond issue to set up a \$1-million revolving fund to build industrial plants for lease to private companies at cost. The plan (which some authorities term unconstitutional) would hit southern municipalities that are luring new industry with "cheap rent" plants financed by sale of "industrial revenue" bonds (BW-Sep.1'51,p102).

Bonds to finance construction of a new \$84-million bridge or \$107-million tunnel connecting Philadelphia and Camden, N. J., may be offered in 1952 by Delaware River Joint Commission. Type of construction and exact location must first be approved jointly by New Jersey and Pennsylvania governors.



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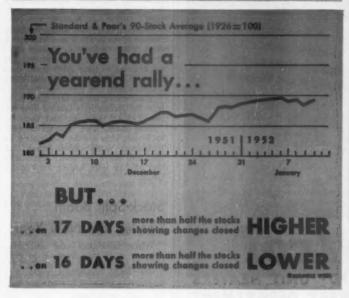


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Yearend Boom Squibs Damply

Rally occurs as usual, but not on a broad front. Some analysts see a warning in the market's sluggish reaction to its period of "automatic" strength.

Santa Claus came around to Wall Street this year, as usual. But the good saint didn't drop off very many presents. Some that he did leave are not making much of a hit.

Take a look at the way the rally has been acting (chart). From the end of November, Standard & Poor's 90-stock average moved up about 4.3%. But the

move was never a broad one.

During the 33 trading days shown on the chart, plus signs show only a slight advantage over minus: On 17 days, more than half of the Big Board stocks that showed changes moved upward. On 16 days, more than half of the stocks showing changes closed lower.

Preferreds—Of course, one major reason for this sluggish slowing is that about 30% of the issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange are preferred stocks. Prices of preferreds, naturally, have been moving downward as interest rates have hardened (BW—Dec.1'51,p 130).

Even allowing for this, the market's lack of response has impressed a good many analysts. After all, they figure, the yearend rally should be a pretty au-

tomatic affair. When it fails to come through with some strength, that's a warning sign.

• Spare Cash—A yearend rally should be automatic, because people have "reinvestment funds"—cash from yearend dividends and other sources. Ordinarily, they should be putting a lot of this cash back to work in stocks.

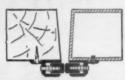
So far, though, investors in general haven't been rushing out to market to buy stocks. Not once during the whole yearend rally to date has daily volume of trading on the Big Board reached 2-million shares.

It could be that many investors are holding their cash in bank deposits or short-term government securities, figuring that stock prices will be lower later on this year. It's quite probable that more of this cash than usual is being held out of the stock market because of the higher individual income tax rates: Investors want to have the money to pay tax claims.

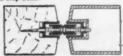
 Speculation—Analysts also point out that all is quiet in the penny arcade.
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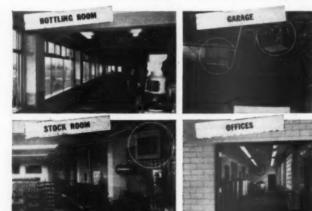
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lic isn't buying its traditional favorites. A lot of brokers feel that no real bull move can get under way without a decided rise in the speculative temperature.

However, there have been some fancy run-ups in stocks which have announced stock splits (below), as well as some attention to shares of companies that are believed to have splits under consideration. This is always considered a bullish sign.

Some recent buying may have come from the speculatively minded little fellow. Odd-lot purchases have been exceeding odd-lot sales. Though the odd-lot houses keep specific information to themselves, many analysts think that the small buyers are going after stocks that may be split, hoping for a quick killing.

Stock-Split Boom Carries Into New Year

Where stock-splits were concerned, last year more than lived up to early expectations on it (BW-Sep.8'51, p131). Some 150 companies created two or more shares out of each one previously outstanding. That's half again as many companies as engineered stock-splits in 1950. The records show that of all previous years, only 1946 produced more common split-ups than did 1951.

These figures tell only part of the story. More than 30 additional corporations got the same result through stock dividends equaling or exceeding the existing common capitalization, declaring stock dividends ranging from 100% to 350%.

So far, there are no signs that this trend has run its course. According to Wall Street reports, 1952 could be just as active for split-ups as was 1951. All that's needed, Streeters say, is a fairly buoyant stock market.

• Two Whoppers—This year got off to a fast start on two counts: (1) American Can Co.'s 4-for-1 splits of both its preferred and common stocks; and (2) U.S. Rubber Co.'s 3-for-1 split of common. U.S. Rubber is the only member of the "big four" tire makers that didn't split its common shares in 1951. Both companies announced last week that they would put these plans to a vote at their stockholders' meetings in April.

*American Can's split-up of its preferred stock will proceed along orthodox lines. Stockholders will merely be asked to authorize dividing each share of the \$100-par \$7 preferred stock into four of new \$25-par stock paying a \$1.75 dividend.

American Can's common split-up will vary from the usual pattern. In-

volved will be both a direct stock-split and a stock dividend. First off, each of the company's presently outstanding \$25-par common will be split up into two new shares of \$12.50-par. Then a declaration of a 100% dividend on the new shares will follow. Stockholders will wind up holding four new shares for one old.

U.S. Rubber also plans a split-and-dividend operation. It will start off by giving stockholders two shares of a new \$5-par common for each share of the present \$10-par, then declare a 50% stock dividend on the new shares. The net result will be equivalent to a 3-for-1

split.

*No Tax Advantage—Wall Streeters' first guess was that these split-and-dividend plans were pegged to tax advantages. However, officials of both companies say they were motivated only by a desire to extend public ownership of the stocks, and to reduce the size of capital surplus accounts. While a straight stock-split would have accomplished the former, the latter could be achieved only via the stock dividend route.

• Shot in Arm—However, Wall Street sees other possibilities. Stock-splits allow management to restate earnings and dividends on the basis of the larger number of new shares. For example, Wall Street expects American Can to report net of around \$10 a share for 1951 on the old common (out of which dividends of \$5 a share were paid); on the new 4-for-1 basis, net would be \$2.50 a share and dividends \$1.25. U. S. Rubber's per-share net of perhaps \$14 and dividends of \$6 for 1951 would become \$4.66 and \$2.

Split-ups generally have had a stimulating effect on the market for the shares involved. Not only do they make a lower-priced stock available to more people, but more often than not splitups have been followed by more liberal dividend rates on the new shares.

The common stocks of American Can and U.S. Rubber have shared in this popularity. Can's shares, early this week, were quoted around \$126.50, up about 10% from their yearend level. Rubber's common hit \$86, about 11% above final 1951 prices.



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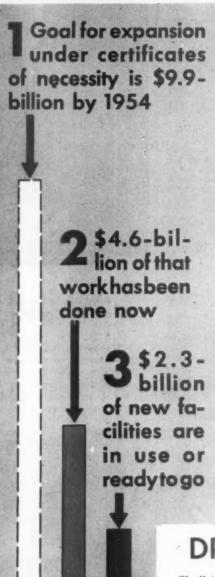
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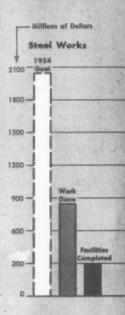




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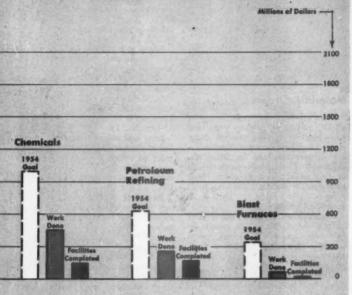


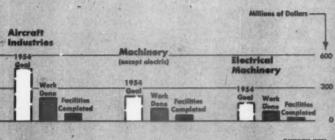
DPA Report

The Defense Production Administration has issued its first "peogress report" on \$9.9-billion of planned industrial expansion under certificates of necessity—and what it contains isn't all to the good.

On the surface, the report paints an encouraging picture. Example: Out of \$9.9-billion of construction planned by 1954, \$4.6-billion has been com-

how key industries stand





Shows Expansion Lagging

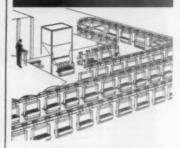
pleted. Of this, \$2.3-billion is either already in operation or ready to go at a moment's notice.

But one big factor not reflected in the report is that the goals are being revised upwards. Chemical targets have already been increased and the aluminum goal is almost certain to go higher.

Only a few industries-such as alka-

lies and chlorine, synthetic fibers, and cement—are ahead of schedule. Most others, including steel, aluminum, machinery, and aircraft, are lagging. Another sore spot is that some of the programs have got out of kilter. For example, blast furnace capacity should be completed prior to steel works. The report shows things aren't working out that way.

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Full texts of the price orders may be had from the Office of Price Stabilization, Washington 25, or from the regional OPS office in your area.

Materials Orders

Basic priorities—Suspends the use of all DO ratings on primary paper and paper-board except six reserved exclusively for the military and Atomic Energy Commission and for filling machine tool orders. Also expands the list of DO ratings used to obtain basic chemicals by adding "machine tool" symbols. NPA Reg. 2, Dir. 3, as amended (Jan. 8).

Construction: Permits Federal Civil Defense Administration to process its own construction applications, assign ratings, and issue allotments of steel, copper, and aluminum. Del. 14, Amdt. 2 (Jan. 8).

Consumer durables: Regroups products listed in Schedule I of M-47B according to their allotment levels as well as their relationship to other consumer goods to make the flexibility provisions (shifting of controlled materials from one product to another in same group) consistent with first-quarter 1952 allotments of controlled materials. M-47B, Amdt. I (Jan. 14).

Pricing Orders

Cooperative refunds: Extends from 30 to 120 days the time for producerowned farmer cooperatives to file reports with OPS on refunds to members of their share of total gross revenue derived from increases in ceiling prices of products processed from agricultural commodities. GCPR, Amdt. 28 (eff. Jan. 12).

Machinery resellers: Permits the reseller to determine his ceiling price by using the highest percentage markup or lowest discount that he realized during the Apr. 1-June 24, 1950, period rather than his last markup or discount. CPR 67, Amdt. 7; Del. of Authority 22 revised (eff. Jan. 12).

Wholesale paper merchants: Permits wholesalers to maintain the percentage

margins over costs of goods and service sold by them that they had in effect from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31, 1951. CPR 112 (eff. Jan. 14).

Soft drinks: Permits retailers of bottled soft drinks to use the pass-through provisions of GCPR and adjust their prices for increased costs in the same manner as already authorized for other food commodities. GCPR, SR 43, Amdt. 2 (eff. Jan. 14).

White potatoes: Establishes dollarsand-cents ceilings on potatoes at country shipping points and at wholesale levels. Retail ceilings will be established in the near future. CPR 113; GCPR, SR 15, Amdf. 6 (cff. Jan. 19).

Soaps and tallows: Lowers ceilings on all soaps, cleaners, and synthetic detergents, including those sold for household purposes, to the average prices prevailing during November, 1951. This affects sales at distribution, manufacturer, wholesaler, and retailer levels. CPR 10, revised; CPR 6, Amdt. 11 (cff. Jan. 14).

Lead acid storage batteries: Permits manufacturers of lead acid storage batteries to reflect increases in costs for lead, certain lead materials, and parts made of lead. CPR 30, SR 6 (eff. Jan.

Raw wool: Rolls back raw wool ceilings to take effect within 90 days to an average of slightly more than 20% below ceilings established last May under CPR 35. Rev. 1; CPR 20, Amdt. 2 (eff. Apr. 8).

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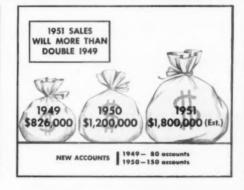
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INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK

BUSINESS WEEK



Washington is of two minds about handling the truce stalemate in Korea and the new threat to Southeast Asia.

On the one hand, there's growing opposition to a limited war policy in the Far East.

On the other, few officials or politicians are ready to gamble on an allout war against Red China.

Both the Administration and Congress are impatient to get U. S. troops out of Korea. The threat of a new "Korea" in Indo-China has strengthened this feeling. Nobody wants to be bogged down in Asia when election day rolls around.

Truman, in particular, wants to get the boys home by November. He has about decided to pull most of the Gl's out of Korea in a hurry if there's a truce.

The South Korean Army, which is growing stronger every day, would then hold the fort. But the real guarantee against a new invasion—in theory, at least—would be a U. S. threat of air and naval retaliation against mainland China.

The same threat might be used as a deterrent in Indo-China.

If the Chinese Reds launch another attack in Korea, or move into Indo-China, this kind of retaliation could easily lead to world war. For the Chinese almost certainly would call for Russian help under the Sino-Soviet alliance.

But the keystone of Western policy is to try to avoid world war—even at the cost of a whole series of limited wars. That's where the bomb-China theory runs into trouble.

Also, Britain and France might balk, even though they are desperately anxious to save Southeast Asia.

There's still a \$6.5-billion gap in Western Europe's arms program between the estimated cost of rearmament and the money that's likely to be available to pay for it. Here's the balance sheet:

- Total cost of rearmament through July, 1954: \$66.5-billion.
- · Europe's contribution: \$41.4-billion. U.S. aid: \$18.6-billion.
- Deficit: \$6.5-billion.

But top planners of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization talk down the importance of the red ink. They say that the 1954 target was set high to encourage maximum performance. So little, if any, gap may actually appear.

Still, some observers are bothered. They wonder whether Europe can get anywhere near the arms target.

For example, Britain may be forced to chop \$300-million off its 1952 arms budget, maybe more. The French may have to choose between pulling out of Indo-China or cutting back defense spending at home.

And in Washington, Congress seems in a mood to cut down the threeyear U. S. aid figure that NATO is now counting on.

The U.S. is having trouble getting some countries to swallow the bilateral agreements that go with American aid.

Arms shipments to Iran already have been cut off because Premier Mossadegh balks at supporting U.S. defense aims.

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INTERNATIONAL OUTLOOK (Continued)

BUSINESS WEEK JANUARY 19, 1952 Eire almost certainly will refuse U. S. aid rather than sign an agreement. Burma may do the same.

All these countries want to stay neutral in the cold war.

First payoff of the Churchill visit is a U. S.-British swap of metals.

- The U. S. will sell the British 1-million tons of steel this year. (Churchill asked for 1.5-million.)
- Britain is lending the U. S. 25,000 tons of aluminum, which Canada will produce this year for British account. The U. S. will pay this back in 1953.
- Washington will buy 20,000 tons of Malayan tin at \$1.18 a lb.
 (page 23). That's more than the U.S. has been willing to fork up for the metal until now. But it's far less than Bolivia and Malaya have been asking.

In British eyes, this deal alone makes Churchill's trip a great success.

For a country in Britain's economic fix, 1-million tons of steel is worth several hundred million dollars of extra aid. Right now the steel shortage is throttling British exports.

Steel shipments from the U.S. won't end the shortage. But they should boost British production, including defense output, from 4% to 5%.

It's Britain's aluminum fabricating industry that takes the rap in Churchill's deal.

For example, the Tube Investment group's new fabricating plant, Europe's largest and most modern, already is operating at only 10% of capacity.

This plant was built with an understanding (from ex-Chancellor Cripps) that the government would allocate enough raw material for volume production.

But apparently government officials today are rationing aluminum strictly according to previous consumption.

Britain's commercial banks have about exhausted the cushion they traditionally keep against losses from dropping security prices. The banks' inner reserves have now been used up to meet the big slump in government securities that started after Churchill came to office.

True, most British banks some time ago foresaw that Labor's cheap money policy couldn't last. So they switched gradually from long-term to short-term bonds.

But the sudden loss of reserves has shocked British bankers, has made them especially cautious about extending credit. And that's sure to turn Chancellor Butler's tight-credit screw down still more.

There's a chance that the paralyzing political crisis in France will end soon. The hope turns on the Socialists.

Middle-of-the-roaders are urging the Socialists to join a new coalition government so the plan for a joint European army can be pushed through. They say that would justify the life of a new government, even if it accomplished nothing else.

The Socialists support the European army plan. But before they join a new government, they want a guarantee that the budget won't be balanced by cutting down on social services.

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West Germany: It's Big-Time

Recovery has put it ahead of France as an industrial power—and close on Britain's heels. If Germans are ready to play ball, it's a big break for the West.

West Germany is now the strongest industrial power of continental Europe. It's even running Britain a close race That's the result of Bonn's sensational economic gains in 1951 Latest German production and trade figures (chart, above) remove any doubt about the facts.

For the Atlantic alliance, this German recovery holds both a promise and a threat. The promise: a big addition of economic and military strength. The threat: a new German attempt to lord it over the European economy.

• Reassurance—At the moment, the outlook is for greater German strength along with more German cooperation Last week the parliament at Bonn approved the Schuman Plan to put German coal and steel resources in a pool with France, Benelux, and Italy. On paper, at least, that settles the age-old French-German feud.

But West Germany's neighbors will keep their fingers crossed for a year or two at least. The French, in particular, fear the Germans will try to take over the coal-steel pool. And there is no doubt the Germans are joining up at a time when their confidence and ambition are at a postwar high.

• 1951 Record—Well they might be. During 1951 West Germany chalked up an amazing economic record:

• By the end of the year, industrial production was running at better than 140% of 1936, a gain of more than 10 points over 1950 In 1948 the figure was 51%

 Steel production for the year was about 13.4-million metric tons, more than that of France and the French-controlled Saar combined.

 Coal output reached nearly 120-, million metric tons.

· Exports totaled about \$3.5-bil-

lion, enough to match imports. (In 1950 exports were \$2-billion, imports \$2.7-billion.)

• Threat?—This record, especially in steel, begins to look to the French like a threat. German steel output may reach a rate of 17-million tons a year by the end of 1952. It's waiting only for the Allies to take the wraps off the Thyssen and Salzgitter steel works. And that's due to happen as soon as the Schuman Plan gets going. Steel output could easily reach 20-million tons by the end of 1953 if enough capital is available.

West Germany will play a bigger role in coal, too. Smoothing the way for Bundestag approval of the Schuman Plan was a recent Allied agreement to drop the Ruhr Authority, once the coal-steel pool is formed. That means West Germany will control its coal exports before long. And it will go into the pool with its prewar coal marketing monopoly pretty much intact.

If Cerman coal production can be boosted way up in the next year or two, the Ruhr would really have a whip hand in the Schuman Plan. For France would then have to take more coal from Germany, to replace the high-cost coal it's now buying from the U.S.

• Exports—West Germany's record is even more impressive in exports than in production. A 75% gain was made last year. The biggest expansion came from the metalworking industries—machinery, machine tools, motor vehicles, etc. The electrical industry boosted its exports from a 1950 total of 323-million marks to 725-million marks. The chemical industry also contributed a lot, and not just in heavy chemicals. Exports of synthetic fibers brought in 30-million marks in 1951, compared with 29-million marks in 1950.

Germany's biggest market was in Western Europe itself, where German goods took a big lead over British in most lines. In South America, the Middle East, and even the sterling area, the Germans also made hay, often at Britain's expense.

German exports to the U.S. also went up-from \$102-million in 1950 to about \$250-million in 1951.

• Hard to Repeat—There's little chance West German exports can chalk up as many gains in 1952 as they did in 1951. For one thing, the Germans were helped out by a series of good breaks last year:

• The worldwide, post-Korean buying scramble choked U.S. and British industry with orders, sent many buyers to Germany.

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half of last year, the Labor government advised Commonwealth countries to buy more in Western Europe.

· Since German industry has no defense contracts, it can "sell delivery dates," even when its prices are higher than British or American.

The West German economy as a whole has also benefited from a series of three good harvests. A bad harvest could push the food import bill way up. The country now buys 40% of its food, or \$1.3-billion, from abroad.

In addition, West Germany was still getting financial help from the U.S. last year. Economic aid amounted to \$400-million, or more than any other Marshall Plan country received.

· Credit for Comeback-Still, there's no doubt that the West Germans deserve most of the credit for their economic comeback. Economic Minister Erhardt's free economy policy has paid off by promoting a spirit of enterprise.

West Germany has followed the opposite road from Britain's welfare state policy. The postwar construction effort has gone into rebuilding plants and equipment, even while workers were still living in cellars. Despite this, German labor has put in long work hours and has refrained from rocking the boat by excessive wage demands.

Erhardt's policy has had one big dis-advantage. It has left Germany's basic industries short of capital. Resources have gone into light industry and services, while heavy industry so far has tried in vain to get enough capital to replace its obsolete equipment.

· Big Ifs-U.S. experts are split when it comes to predicting what Germany's fate would be if the world seller's market ended in a year or two. One group thinks a recession would hit German exports hard, make it tough for Bonn to pay for its food imports. Unlike Britain, they point out, West Germany has no protection such as the sterling

The other group thinks the West Germans could hang onto their world markets anyhow, now that world inflation has brought them back.

What's more, this group argues, a deflation in world markets would improve West Germany's terms of trade by pushing down the prices of food and raw materials faster than prices of manufactured goods.

Whether deflation or continued inflation is in the cards for the next few years. West Germany has a combination of basic economic resources that no other European country has-great coal resources, a big steel plant, and a disciplined labor force that's willing towork hard for relatively low wages. If a desire to cooperate with its neighbors has now been added to this combination, West Germany will prove a tremendous asset to the Atlantic alliance.

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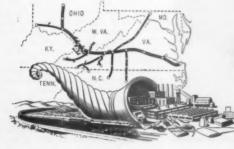
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Indo-China

The "little war" in Indo-China is changing. For five years, it's been a guerrilla war of ambush and withdrawal, of time-bombs in crowded cities, of lonely watchtowers at village crossroads, of patrols doggedly stalking enemy nests in the jungle. Lately, however, the Communist-led Vietminh forces have begun to attack in strength, showing signs of organization and tactical training. New, modern equipment is on hand, transforming what was a rag-tag band of irregulars into a tough, almost-professional army.

Western leaders are worried and puzzled by the changing pattern. There are reports of 200,000 to 350,000 Red Chinese troops massing on the Indo-China border, of new airfields and new rail links with Soviet supply sources. In Paris, Soviet spokesman Vishinsky has hinted darkly of what will happen when "events begin to take their course in Southeast Asia."

• Blackmail, Or . . .—It may be that Stalin and his Chinese friends are up to their old blackmail game—threatening an assault on Indo-China in order to bludgeon concessions out of the West in Korea and in Europe. At



PATROL of Vietnamese regulars cuts through jungle muck in never-ending task of routing out the enemy.



EMPEROR: French have installed Bao Dai as Chief of State of Vietnam, hope he'll rally native support from tige Communists.

Vill All-Out War Replace Ambuscades?

worst, it may be that an all-out Chinese invasion is in the works, or at least a gradual infiltration of Chinese "volunteers." Mao Tse-tung makes no bones about his desire to control the rice bowl and raw material producing areas of Southeast Asia; with Indo-China in his hands, Thailand, Burma, and Malaya would be easy pickings.

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For the past two weeks, U. S., British, and French officials at the highest levels have been weighing the evidence. Here are some of their reactions:

French Foreign Minister Schuman said France would welcome a truce in Indo-China. There's even talk of France pulling out of the war—though some observers figure that's a lever to get Washington to kick in more aid.

 Churchill and Truman issued a communique stating that they would work closely together in the Far East.
 Foreign Secretary Eden went further, warned Peiping and Moscow that the West would meet future "Koreas" as they met the first—with force.

• French general Alphonse-Pierre Juin, in Washington last week, asked for large-scale U.S. air and naval aid if attack comes. He'd like to have promises of U.S. troops, too. Above all, Juin wants a coordinated Western command in Southeast Asia, plus lots more U.S. arms aid.

So far, Washington hasn't made any public commitments. It's certain, though, that we won't promise troops. But if attack comes, the embattled French and native forces will probably get air and naval support; and the Allies will have to do some hard thinking on whether to carry the war to Chinese coastal cities and communications centers, and on whether to use Chiang Kai-shek troops in Southeast Asia.

• Responsibility—This much has been decided in the Big Three talks: The Indo-China war is no longer an exclusively French affair. Instead it's a responsibility of the whole Western alliance. It raises the question of how many "Koreas" the West can afford without seriously weakening the defense of Europe. Some statesmen think the only thing to do now is to issue a flat warning to the Kremlin: Stay out of Indo-China or else.

That kind of approach might work, according to many U.S. experts. They reason that Stalin wants out of the

Far Eastern fighting, and that a Chinese adventure to the South might bring on World War III. The huffings and puffings along the Indo-Chinese border may just be a bargaining gambit. Nevertheless, that doesn't rule out the chance of a "seepage" of Chinese volunteers into Indo-China until the balance is shifted against the French.

France today is ill-equipped for any more trouble in Indo-China. The war there is costing \$1-billion yearly, chewing up practically all U.S. aid to France, tying down the flower of the French officer corps. It's an unpopular war at home; French political instability makes it hard for any government to take strong action when it's needed. And right now, France is without a government, thanks to the fall of Premier Pleven's regime.

Just last weekend, French fortunes in Southeast Asia took their severest blow yet. Hard-driving Gen. Jean de Lattre de Tassigny, who took over in Indo-China a year ago and sent the enemy reeling back on its heels, died in Paris. The West will have a tough time finding a leader to replace him in Southeast Asia.









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BUSINESS ABROAD BRIEFS

Gas strike: Phillips Petroleum Co, and Husky Oil & Refining, Ltd., have brought in Saskatchewan's largest gas well, in the western part of the province. Potential may be 40-million cu. ft. daily. Two weeks ago, Socony Vacuum found Saskatchewan's first promising medium gravity oil (BW—Jan.12'52,p154).

A new branch bank in Sao Paulo was opened last week by National City Bank of New York. It's the bank's second office in the city, seventh in Brazil, 56th overseas.

Aluminum: Bauxite from Reynolds Metals Co. mines in Jamaica will start arriving at the company's Arkansas mills in September. Reynolds hopes for 500,000 tons of bauxite yearly. . . . The first load of Greek bauxite—8,400 tons—has arrived in West Germany where it will be processed into aluminum and sent to the U.S. During 1951, ECA advanced payment for 60,000 tons of bauxite to the Greeks. . . Australia is buying steel from Japan to build its aluminum plant in Tasmania, to be completed in 1954. Bauxite—80,000 tons yearly—will be imported from India at the start.

A \$65-million wood pulp and newsprint project—two to four mills, '250 miles east of Vancouver—will feed British Columbia's industrial boom. Celgar Development Co., a Celanese Corp. of America subsidiary, will build it as the third phase of Celanese's expansion in western Canada. Previous projects: a cellulose mill at Prince Rupert, B. C., a chemical plant at Edmonton, Alta.

Australia hopes a big foreign outfit will come in and develop its radar industry. It promises fat orders and tax concessions. As an emergency move, the government is stockpiling electronic equipment.

Three British buses, the familiar London Transport double-deckers, will come to the U.S. in March, set off on a cross-country motorcade to stir up 1952 travel to Britain.

Mexico builds: The Federal Electricity Commission is going to work on a 200,000 kw. hydroelectric power development—the nation's largest—on the Rio Temascaltepec, west of Mexico City. A \$29.7-million World Bank loan will help out with the financing . . . The government is lending \$10.5-million to a new firm, Mexicana de Coque y Derivados, to build a coke plant at Monclova. It's to turn out 2,200 tons daily, will lessen Mexico's

dependence on imports.... Pemex, the government oil monopoly, will add two cat crackers to its refineries at Ciudad Madero and Minatitlan. They'll increase Mexican gasoline production by 10,000 bbl. daily.

S. A. Shipping Line Bites into U.S. Trade

Six years ago, private interests in three South American countries—Venezuela, Colombia, and Ecuador—got together to set up a new shipping company, Flota Mercante Grancolombiana. The company is owned 45% each by Venezuela and Colombia, and 10% by Ecuador.

Last week Grancolombiana announced a \$30-million program to build 13 more ships for its line. At the same time it unwrapped plans to extend cargo services to North America's Pacific Coast. All this means that the new company is beginning to move into the heavyweight class in Western Hemisphere shipping.

• On the Docket–The line already owns 13 ships, charters 17 others. Canadian Vickers, Ltd., of Montreal, is delivering two new ships this year, has two more on its ways for delivery in 1953. The 13 new ships, costing \$30-million over the next five years, will bring up the number of owned and chartered ships to 47. Each of the new ships is designed primarily for handling general cargo.

Grancolombiana's expansion isn't in hulls alone. When the company started back in 1946, it planned to operate chiefly between Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia, and the U.S. Since then the service has expanded. Already in operation are six services to North America: (1) three weekly runs out of New York; (2) two services from the Gulf Coast every 10 days; and (3) a run every two weeks from eastern Canadian ports.

Grancolombiana also has a weekly service in conjunction with the Royal Netherlands line, between the three South American countries and Europe. Next on the docket will be new services between Pacific Coast ports of the U.S., Canada, and South America.

• "Regulating Influence"—Dr. Alvaro Diaz, one of the founders and now general manager of the company, claims than Grancolombiana has been the chief "regulating influence" in bringing down or stabilizing shipping rates among the countries it serves. As far as business goes, company officials say they now "carry to Venezuela, Ecuador, and Colombia combined, more tonnage from the U.S. and Canada than any other line serving the same countries."

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The Schuman Plan-Dream to Reality

Of all the ideas born of the postwar anxiety over the future of Europe, none seemed less likely to survive its own announcement than the so-called Schuman Plan.

Back in May, 1950, the French foreign minister, Robert Schuman, startled the world by calmly proposing that France and Germany, and four other European nations, pool their coal and steel resources. He envisioned nothing less than a supranational economy with respect to these basic requirements for modern industry, with tariffs, subsidies, multipricing, quotas, and all the other debris in the channels of international trade dredged away.

It took a while for such a radical idea to penetrate the mores of the nations concerned. But last month the Pleven government was able to get the French Chamber of Deputies to ratify the 50-year treaty embodying the plan. Last week Chancellor Adenauer of the West German Republic put ratification through the Bundestag at Bonn with a good margin to spare. Of the other nations involved, the Netherlands has already approved, while Belgium, Luxembourg, and Italy are expected to move soon.

Bonn's action means the Schuman Plan is over the last big hurdle. It will inaugurate a "European Coal and Steel Community" among six nations with a total population of 155-million. It will bring about 40-million tons of steel capacity into one economic unit—as much as Russia and her satellites, second only to our own enormous output.

This is a truly historic event. It is hard for one generation to sense in its time the beginnings of a tremendous historical sequence. But there is every reason to believe that the Schuman Plan, in bringing together France and Germany in this way, is one of these seed events.

To Americans disposed to write off their European partners, the reality of the Schuman Plan should be an arresting fact. European nations are not hopelessly going to stew in their own juice to their own extinction. There is still a vitality beneath the crust of weariness and cynicism and it is driving Europe to seek its destiny on a larger stage, in a wider citizenship.

The Schuman Plan idea means, too, that we are seeing before our eyes how European unity will come. It will not come overnight out of a great conclave called to draw up a new constitution for a new union. It will come about rather as the final result of steps such as the Schuman Plan and the European Army, bold yet limited, radical yet practical. In the executive, or High Authority, set up to administer the coal-steel pool, in the Council created by the participating nations to check on the executive, and in the High Court to settle disputes—the treaty provides a design for what one

day may be the government of a greater political and economic unity.

In supporting the Schuman Plan the American government has been right from the beginning. It should be a major purpose of our foreign policy to aid it and similar projects such as the European Army. In helping our partners find release for their still great powers in broader associations, we help them, ourselves, and all the free world.

And the Wheelbarrows?

Funny stories are part of a politician's stock in trade, but sometimes they backfire. One day earlier this month Attorney General McGrath went into the White House glum, came out smiling. Asked by reporters why the change, he said there once was a Soviet military plant that kept losing supplies. Guards at the gate were told to search everyone who came through. One workman wheeled straw out every day. The guards went to work on him. Day after day he brought the straw, day after day the guards took each straw apart. No luck, no loot.

At the end of a year one of the guards was ordered off to Siberia. He told the workman he'd like to know his secret and promised no exposure.

"I have been stealing the wheelbarrows," was the worker's explanation.

McGrath said that the moral of that story is "that things are not always what they seem." Maybe so, but his story strikes us as a singularly ill-chosen one to come from a high official around whom so much public controversy swirls. After all, even though the straw concealed no theft, the wheelbarrows were being stolen.

Babies for Business

Add to 1951 records the bumper baby crop, biggest in the nation's history. Between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31 almost 4-million new babies hit the sheets and set up a howl for milk, diapers, and bassinets.

More of them came than ever before, more of them will live longer. All this adds up to business. The fact is that this 1951 crop will need some 240-million pairs of shoes before they come of age, and underwear enough to clothe 20 Chicagos.

And they will go on needing. When they are six the school boards will face a sudden rush for new primary space, their becoming 16 will be evident in the garages as well as in the clothing trade. When they are 26 they will be stirring up a housing crisis.

Bumper wheat and cotton crops, greater productivity are all good for business, but a bumper baby crop is better. That is what sends the family shopping—and for years and years.

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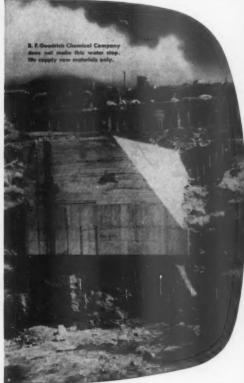
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